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Jordan urged to freeze implementation of changes

PLO will trade peace for independent state

BAGHDAD, Aug 13, (Reuters): The PLO is ready to trade peace with Israel for an independent state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a senior official said today.

"The PLO is struggling for an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, not for the destruction of Israel," Bassem Abu-Sharif, political adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, said.

"The PLO has made it clear to the whole world it is ready to establish a just peace based on the right of self-determination

for all people in the region, and to accept international guarantees for the security of all states in the region — at the top of them, Israel."

Meanwhile, a PLO delegation now in Amman has asked Jordan to freeze implementation of the changes, including new passport rules which could deprive some of the West Bank's 850,000 residents of Jordanian citizenship.

The PLO team is in Amman for talks on King Hussein's break with West Bank, an official source said.

"We are confident the Jordanians will help us in this transi-

tional period until (the PLO) decides how to fill the vacuum left by Jordan's withdrawal from the West Bank," the official, who requested anonymity, said.

King Hussein today received the PLO team, which is headed by PLO executive committee member Mahmoud Abbas.

Documents

The team met Jordanian officials yesterday and was due to hold a second round of talks later today.

Jordan announced on July 31 that it was transferring legal and administrative responsibility for

the West Bank's 850,000 people to the PLO.

King Hussein said last Sunday that West Bank Palestinians could continue to get Jordanian passports but these would be travel documents only and would not entitle the holders to Jordanian citizenship.

He also said existing passports would not be withdrawn before a Palestinian state was created.

But the PLO official said that it wanted Jordan to freeze the measures already announced as this would minimise day-to-day hardship on West Bankers.

Abu Sharif wrote a controver-

sial article in May offering the prospect of a negotiated peace with Israel.

Arafat has neither endorsed nor repudiated the article, which Abu Sharif says was based on decisions by the Palestine National Council (PNC), or parliament-in-exile.

But Arafat, in an interview appearing in the September issue of Playboy magazine, called for a balanced peace which would assure security for everyone in the Middle East and offered conditional recognition of Israel.

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Pakistan to get US frigates on lease

WASHINGTON, Aug 13, (AP): Pakistan, long troubled by the naval build-up of rival India, has struck a deal to lease up to eight of the 16 US Navy frigates the US Defence Department is retiring for budget reasons, officials said.

Lt. Barbara Kent, a Navy spokeswoman, said yesterday Congress was informed of the deal in a letter written by Rear Adm. Thomas C. Lynch, the Navy's chief of legislative affairs. Congress has 30 days to block the transaction if it wishes to do so, the spokeswoman said.

Kent said Pakistan would be allowed to inspect nine frigates. According to another official who asked not to be named, however, Pakistani officials have been told they can lease a maximum of eight of the warships.

Decision

A top congressional aide, who also requested anonymity, said Congress was unlikely to intervene "because the decision has already been made to cut back the US fleet."

"The decision was made up here not to keep these ships in service because of the cost of operating them, so if Pakistan wants to take on that expense, we have no objection," the aide said. The ships, because of their age and outdated boiler plants, require a disproportionate number of sailors to operate compared to modern warships.

According to Kent, Pakistan has yet to say exactly how many frigates it wants. The Navy, assuming Congress goes along, will begin allowing Pakistani inspections in October, she said.

Moderate reappointed Sikh head priest

TARN TARAN, Aug 13, (AP): A moderate Sikh leader was reappointed chief priest today, more than a year after he resigned in protest over bloody attacks by Sikh militants fighting for a separate homeland in Punjab state.

Darshan Singh Ragi was appointed head priest of the Akal Takht, or eternal throne in Sikhism's most holy shrine, by the executive committee of a group which manages Sikh religious affairs.

The committee met in Tarn Taran, 30 kilometres (19 miles) south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar. At least one member of the committee, out of 10 present, walked out in protest at Ragi's appointment.

The post is important because the appointee is regarded as the chief spokesman for the Sikh community and has a major say in controlling the money and politics of Sikhs throughout India. The religion and its politics are inseparably intertwined.

Ragi resigned as the Akal Takht chief on Aug 10, 1987, after a meeting called by him rejected a call to eschew the violent campaign for an independent Sikh homeland.

At least 1,694 people have been killed in the northern state of Punjab so far this year in hit-and-run attacks by Sikh insurgents.

Parliament summoned

Lebanon set to elect President on August 18

BEIRUT, Aug 13, (Agencies): Christian and Muslim members of Lebanon's Parliament, arriving from separate sides of the Green Line battlefront dividing Beirut, will meet next Thursday to pick a leader whom Lebanese hope can end 13 years of civil war.

Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini announced today that it would convene at 11 am on Aug 18 to elect a new President for a six-year term.

The 76 surviving members of a 99-seat house originally elected in 1972 will vote in secret for a successor to President Amin Gemayel, whose term ends on Sept 23.

Choice

But their choice will in effect be the result of a consensus among the various local and foreign powers competing for influence in Lebanon.

Both Christian and Muslim political sources said Syria, the leading foreign power in Lebanon where it has an estimated 25,000 troops, would have the final say over the election.

Syria and the United States have held a series of meetings over the past few months in an effort to ensure the orderly election of a head of state, on whom will depend any prospects of ending the civil strife.

Assistant US Secretary of State Richard Murphy had talks in Lebanon last week on the prospects of finding a candidate acceptable to all factions. Before flying on to Damascus, he said he expected the poll to be held peacefully.

Lebanese political sources said Syria was seeking a compromise candidate as it wanted to avoid renewed violence at a time when Syrian President Hafez Al Assad

was trying to mend fences with Washington.

The vote will be held at Parliament House, a modest two-storey residence straddling the Green Line between Christian East and Muslim West Beirut.

Turnoff

Its location amid the devastation of the once-thriving Lebanese capital allows members from the two sides of the line to meet. No parliamentary elections have been held for 16 years because of the civil turmoil.

The Army and internal security forces will impose tight security for the vote. Only officials, diplomats and journalists will be allowed into the building.

If no candidate wins two-thirds of the votes on the first ballot, a second ballot will be held and an absolute majority will suffice.

About 20 Maronite politicians, civil servants, Army officers and businessmen are competing for the post of President, but no front-runner has yet emerged and only three politicians have so far formally declared their candidacy.

They are Dany Chamoun, son of former President Camille Chamoun, Farouq Ahi Luma, former ambassador to France and now secretary-general to the foreign minister, and Antoine Al Aschkar, a Maronite official of the Druze Progressive Socialist Party.

But according to a press report in Abu Dhabi, Lebanese Parliament member Mikhael Dbaier was nominated by Syria.

The daily Al Itihad quoted a prominent Lebanese leader, which it did not identify, as saying that Damascus considers Dbaier as the most acceptable candidate.

Benazir expecting baby in September

ISLAMABAD, Aug 13, (AP). Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's key opposition leader, is due to have her first child in late September, a family member said today. It could put her back on the campaign trail by mid-October.

Pakistan's press had earlier estimated her due date in early December, sparking speculation it might have influenced President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's decision to call a general election on Nov 16.

Having her first child at the age of 35 could have put Benazir out of the campaign for several weeks.

Charging

Zia dismissed speculation that Benazir's pregnancy affected his decision with a tongue-in-cheek remark: "I haven't yet adopted the profession of midwifery."

"No, I'm not as dirty and as low as somebody may think I am," said Zia in an interview published on Saturday by official media.

"No this has nothing to do with the personal affairs of the lady," he was quoted as saying.

He fired his civilian government on May 29, charging it had lost control of the law and order situation in Pakistan and was slow in implementing Islamic law.

Doctors' orders that she rest have already forced her to miss several rallies staged by the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, an alliance of nine opposition parties including her Pakistan People's Party, Benazir said.

Zia, who is also Army Chief of Staff, overthrew Benazir's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a military coup in 1977. Bhutto was hanged in 1979.

The Western-educated Benazir was married last year in a traditional Muslim ceremony to businessman Asif Ali Zardari, who was selected for her by her mother. But the activist vowed the arranged marriage would not upstage her political career.

Junjo today called off election of new officers to the ousted Muslim League party after scuffles broke out at the opening of a party meeting today.

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Don't meddle in Afghan affairs, Zia warns India

ISLAMABAD, Aug 13, (Reuters): Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq warned India today to stop meddling in Afghanistan and accused it of acting as an agent for the Soviet Union.

In an interview with the government-owned Pakistan Times, Zia accused India of trying to stop an unfriendly Islamic government from coming to power in Kabul.

He said India had been a silent spectator through eight years of Soviet military involvement in Afghanistan but now wanted a say in its future.

"Now India is out of the game," he said. "They missed the bus and they are now trying (to find) how best to jump on to the bandwagon."

Raise

Zia said the Soviet Union, which must withdraw half its more than 100,000 troops in Afghanistan by Monday under the Geneva accords, was using its ally India to raise the cry that a fundamentalist government was unacceptable.

He told the English-language daily India had no business, at this stage, to interfere and it could not be allowed to "throw a spanner in the works."

India has never openly condemned the Soviet Union for its military intervention in Afghanistan, but since late last year it has sought a role in brokering a solution to the conflict.

It has promoted former Afghan King Zahir Shah as a good candidate to lead a broad-based administration that could heal the wounds of war between the Soviet-backed Kabul government and mujahideen guerrillas.

Zahir Shah, who was deposed in 1973 and has since lived in exile in Rome, remains popular among ordinary Afghans but is unacceptable to the fundamentalist guerrilla groups.

New Karnataka chief minister sworn in

NEW DELHI, Aug 13, (KUNA): S.R. Bommai was today sworn in as the chief minister of the southern state of Karnataka, replacing Ramkrishna Hegde, who resigned following a controversy over telephone tapping.

Bommai, who was elected leader of the Janata Party legislators yesterday, was administered oath of office by Governor P. Venkatasubbiah in Bangalore this afternoon.

Hegde and senior civil and military officials were present at the swearing in ceremony.

No minister was sworn in today as discussions to accommodate various groups in the cabinet were going on.

Hegde resigned when allegations were brought in against his government that it was involved in bugging telephones of political leaders, journalists and dis-



Alawi (left) in talks with Rafsanjani (right) in Tehran. (Reuters wirephoto)

Flowers and kisses instead of bullets

BAGHDAD, Aug 13, (Agencies): Iranian and Iraqi soldiers exchanged flowers and kisses instead of bullets after bearing of a ceasefire in the Gulf war, Iraqi soldiers said today.

The soldiers, returning on leave from the front, said the Iranians broke the ice at several points along the 1,200-km (740-mile) front by walking across. "They gave us flowers. We gave them flowers too and anything else we could find," one soldier said.

The fraternisation followed UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's announcement last Monday of a ceasefire date in a war which has lasted nearly eight years and cost an estimated one million lives.

Waving

At one point, Iraqi and Iranian troops met for an impromptu swim in a river which had separated them. "We laughed, joked, threw water at each other, kissed each other on the cheek," a soldier said.

On the northern front, Iranian soldiers waving white flags brought cold drinks to the Iraqis and were given watches in return, another soldier said.

Iranians and Iraqis also fired in the air to celebrate. "They were pointing and gesturing to say, 'from now on we only fire at the sky,'" one Iraqi said.

Neither Baghdad nor Tehran has mentioned any incidents of fraternisation in its official media. Iraq has accused Iran of twice bombarding its positions since the ceasefire date of Aug 20 was set, a charge denied by Tehran.

In Tehran, Iran's Assembly Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani today met visiting Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousuf Bin Alawi.

A UN team was in Tehran and

'Useful' meeting

TEHRAN, Aug 13, (AP): British diplomat David Reddaway said today that he had a "useful" first meeting with officials from Iran's Foreign Ministry.

Reddaway, who arrived here yesterday for what he said was a two-week stay, refused to comment on the content of his discussions.

Baghdad to prepare the ground for the arrival of 350 UN truce supervisors, expected to be in place along the front by Wednesday next week.

Shipping sources said the Gulf was "very quiet" this week, since the unofficial Iran-Iraq truce took hold, but salvage operators were expecting contracts on big clean-up operations in Iran and Iraq, where scores of disabled ships blocked ports and waterways.

The Iraqi President said early this month Iraq would begin using the Shatt Al Arab estuary, on the Iran-Iraq border, immediately after the official ceasefire began Aug 20.

Iraq apparently wants to immediately begin using its main port at Basra, on the Shatt. Iran also has a port in the estuary at Khorramshahr, but has not said whether or not it would use it.

The Arab League observer at the UN Clovis Maksoud has pledged Arab states would do their utmost to remove any hitches to smooth implementation of UN peace Resolution 598 in the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Denied

Iranian Mujahideen Khalq rebels denied today that the commanders of 15 of their divisions and brigades were killed in fighting inside Iran last month.

The Iraq-based National Liberation Army (NLA), the fighting wing of the mujahideen, said in a statement telecast to Reuters in Cyprus that only three brigade commanders were killed and no division commanders.

Iraq's Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, arrived in Damascus for talks expected to touch on foreign hostages in Lebanon and other issues of mutual concern.

Velayati was welcomed at the airport by his Syrian counterpart, Farouk Al Sharaa.

In a statement upon arrival, Velayati said he was carrying a letter from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to Syria's leader, Hafez Assad.

Velayati said he was in the Syrian capital to discuss recent regional developments, including the impending Aug 20 ceasefire between Iran and Iraq under the auspices of UN Resolution 598.

British soldier shot dead in Belgium

LONDON, Aug 13, (Agencies): Gunmen shot and killed a British soldier in the Belgian port of Ostend last night, the British Ministry of Defence reported.

No group immediately claimed responsibility.

Warrant Officer Richard Heakin, 38, of the Royal Regiment of Wales, based at Lemgo in West Germany, was shot in his car at a traffic signal.

He was married with two children.

Hunting

Belgian police were hunting for two men in their 20s who were seen running away after he was shot dead at point-blank at traffic lights in the centre of the town.

His car had British Army number plates, press reports reaching here said. According to a Defence Ministry statement, Heakin was on leave from his unit and was on his way home to Britain.

The Ministry of Defence in London said the shooting was the sixth incident involving attacks on British soldiers in the continent since last May.

One killed, five injured

Israeli soldiers shoot at Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 13, (Agencies): Soldiers shot and killed one Palestinian and wounded at least five others today after stone-throwing incidents in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip town of Rafah, Palestinian sources said.

The Army clamped a curfew on sections of the town and the neighbouring Rafah refugee camp after the shootings. Military sources said the violence "most likely" erupted because two Arab workers, who died after they were trapped in a burning hut near Tel Aviv, were from the Gaza Strip.

Authorities are investigating whether the but was set on fire by arsonists or whether a portable gas cooking canister exploded early on Tuesday.

In Rafah today, soldiers attacked by Palestinian stone-throwers shot in the air and then opened fire on a crowd, killing one and wounding at least three, military sources said.

Palestinian sources said at least five people were wounded when soldiers opened fire in the town's marketplace, including a 20-year-old man shot in the head and transferred to Soroka Hospital in Beersheva, Israel.

Palestinian sources said Mohammed Eid Abu Rezek, 52, was shot in the head and chest and died at Nasser Hospital in the Gaza Strip. Residents of the nearby Rafah refugee camp, where Rezek lived, spilled into the streets protesting the Palestinian's death and set tyres on fire, the sources said.

At least 252 Palestinians and four Israelis have died since the eight-month-old Palestinian uprising began on Dec 9. It was the second straight day a Palestinian refugee camp resident was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers in the Gaza Strip.

Scattered clashes between soldiers and Palestinians also occurred today in the West Bank towns of Ramallah, Jenin and Qalqilya and in the Gaza Strip refugee camp of Khan Younis and the neighbouring town of the same name, Palestinian sources said.

Residents of Hebron, 20 miles (32 kms) south of Jerusalem, tried to storm the municipality building in a demonstration calling for the resignation of the Israeli-appointed mayor, the

sources said. Town workers shut the main door and stopped the demonstrators, who then stoned the building, smashed the windows of cars parked outside and burned tyres.

The underground committee organising the uprising consistently has called for the resignation of Israeli-appointed officials and Arab workers of Israel's civil administration, which runs the occupied territories for the military.

The underground committee also has urged Palestinians against paying taxes or other money to the civil administration. In the Gaza Strip today, Palestinians observed a transportation strike to protest a recent crackdown on Gaza car owners. Palestinian sources said.



Burmese students gather at the entrance of the Shwedagon pagoda in Rangoon, one of the rallying points for anti-government demonstrations. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tension eases in Rangoon

Burmese rejoice as Sein Lwin quits

BANGKOK, Aug 13, (Reuters): Burmese took to the streets of Rangoon dancing and chanting to celebrate the resignation of hardline socialist leader Sein Lwin after five days of bloody agitation against his brief rule, residents said.

Successor

The news appeared to have brought a measure of calm to a country rocked since Monday by violent protests for democracy in which diplomats said hundreds of people were killed.

Residents and diplomats contacted from Bangkok said Rangoon was calm today, with many of the protesters' barricades dismantled, shops re-opening and people returning to the city cen-

ter. "There is a general air of returning normality," said one senior envoy.

One traveller arriving in Bangkok from Rangoon today said students who had led the protests told him the calm was likely to last until next Friday, when a successor to Sein Lwin was due to be chosen.

Sein Lwin, 64, whose appointment on July 26 triggered the uprising, resigned last night as chairman of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) and state president.

Rangoon Radio said the BSPP executive committee, its politburo, and parliament would meet next Friday to elect a successor.

Party and parliamentary military committees, the key organs which have ensured security in the 26 years of repressive BSPP rule, will meet on Thursday.

"The students told me it would probably be quiet until next

Thursday, but that if they don't get what they want—maybe there'll be a return to the streets," said American Brett Lambert, who flew to Bangkok after a week in Rangoon.

Relief He said there was enormous relief among students over the resignation of Sein Lwin, the least popular man in the country for his long-time role in suppressing opposition.

"The group I was with when the announcement came cheered. But they couldn't go out in the streets because of the curfew," he said.

By official accounts almost 100 people have died as troops opened fire on mass demonstrations in cities across the country, but diplomats put the figure anywhere between 500 and 1,500.

Students told visitors the departure of Sein Lwin was just a first step and they were encouraged to pursue to the end their demand for a more democratic system.

Sudan relief efforts hampered

Rains worsen flood situation

KHARTOUM, Aug 13, (AP): Heavy rains lashed this desert capital today, exacerbating flooding that has already left 1.5 million people homeless and hampering efforts to distribute emergency supplies.

The rains began about midnight and continued through the night, creating huge pools of water in the streets of downtown Khartoum, a city of 4 million. The airport was closed, and the Nile was rising.

Relief agencies and donor nations began airlifting blankets, tents, food, medical and other supplies to Khartoum on Friday, 48 hours after a storm dumped six times as much rain on the city as it received in all of 1987.

But residents of some settlements say they haven't received any aid and are desperate.

Life was slowly returning to normal in some parts of Khartoum, but high water and poor management prevented distribution of relief supplies to hard-hit areas, the Akbar El Yom news-

paper, a weekly in Cairo, reported today.

The Cairo daily newspaper Al-Ahram said hundreds of tons of supplies were in Khartoum, waiting to be distributed.

The rains that swamped Khartoum and other cities in eastern and northern Sudan killed at least 39 people and caused \$200 million in damage, Maj. Gen. El Fatah Abdoun, a city official, was quoted as saying.

Casualties

Some of those hardest hit were nearly one million people who fled drought and civil war in Sudan's rural areas to seek refuge in squatter settlements ringing Khartoum.

One such settlement, Marzouk, was reduced to a sprawling collection of crumbling walls and collapsed hovels.

Residents of Marzouk, west of Khartoum across the Blue Nile, a major tributary of the Nile, said they had seen little aid.

"We need tents and plastic sheets," said Abdullah Ibrahim

Kody, 32. He said his family had slept in the open air since the floods destroyed his two-room hut.

He said they had received no food or medicine and that children in Marzouk were beginning to develop intestinal problems and coughs.

Warning

Sudanese officials have warned that the country could be further endangered by the annual flooding of the Nile River in the coming weeks.

More than 83,000 houses have been destroyed in Khartoum, leaving more than 1.5 million people homeless, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported. Many residents have been without electricity and fresh drinking water.

Journalists touring Marzouk encountered no one who had received any emergency aid and saw no substantial relief operation for the settlement's 15,000 people.

Several soldiers stood outside six orange Army tents, where a

young woman said she was handing out less than a 2.2 pounds (one kilogramme) of wheat flour per family daily, in addition to supplementary foods that include sardines, dates and sugar.

But no distribution was under way, and residents complained the rations were being distributed along political lines only to "special families," not the camp as a whole.

Information about the scope of the relief operation throughout Khartoum was scarce, and it was not possible to determine immediately whether the situation at Marzouk was typical of other settlements.

Assistance

Abdul Mohammed, of the Sudan Council of Churches, said local non-governmental organizations were trying to care for the displaced people but lacked staff and supplies.

Most of the assistance received so far has come primarily from Arab countries in the form of government-to-government aid.

Floods kill 1,406 people in China

BEIJING, Aug 13, (AP): Floods unleashed by typhoons and torrential rains have killed 1,406 Chinese and caused 4.5 billion yuan (\$1.2 billion) in economic losses so far this year, the central flood control headquarters said today.

Zhou Zhenxian, an official at the headquarters, said areas along tributaries of the Yangtze River in southwest China, the coastal province of Zhejiang and Guangdong province in the south have been particularly hard hit by the destruction of annual summer floods.

Zhou said that as of Aug 12, 1,406 people had lost their lives, 7 million hectares (17.3 million acres) of farmland had been inundated and 1.8 million hectares (2.9 million acres) of crops had been seriously damaged.

Since the end of July, at least 264 people have died in flash floods in Zhejiang, more than 50 lost their lives in floods in central China's Shanxi province and 110 were killed in a typhoon that battered Zhejiang with heavy winds and rains.

The People's Daily reported today new flooding in the Daxingganling forest area of Inner Mongolia had killed 10, destroyed 1,000 homes and left 100,000 stranded.

Losses

It said economic losses from the flood may be greater than those sustained in a month-long forest fire in the area last year, one of the worst in China's history, that killed 193.

Zhou said, however, the death toll from flooding was about average this year. He said 1,563 had died as of mid-August last year, and 2,385 were killed in the same period in 1986.

The official Xinhua news agency quoted a flood control official as saying the rains this summer have filled reservoirs and ended a prolonged drought in many areas of central China.

Aspirin key to relief for heart attack victims

LONDON, Aug 13, (Reuters): Combined use of aspirin and a clot-dissolving drug can save the lives of tens of thousands of heart attack victims each year, according to doctors who carried out a worldwide study on coronary care.

Oxford University cardiologist Peter Sleight, chairman of the study group, told reporters prompt treatment with aspirin and the drug streptokinase after a heart attack would cut by half the number of patients who die within the first month of being stricken.

"These results will change medical practice worldwide," he said. "Widespread adoption of these simple treatments will save tens of thousands of lives each year."

Streptokinase is widely used in hospitals to treat heart attacks and, in the United States, costs about \$200 a dose. The study said it is as effective as newer and more expensive clot-dissolving drugs.

Study

The second international study of infarct survival, published in the latest edition of the British medical journal The Lancet, was the largest of its kind ever conducted.

It involved more than 17,000 patients from 417 hospitals in 16 countries and was carried out between March 1985 and January 1986.

The study found that 13 per cent of those given standard coronary care after a heart attack were dead within five weeks, against only eight per cent who underwent the combined drug therapy.

A separate US report, published last January in the New England Journal of Medicine, suggested that healthy men taking an aspirin every other day can dramatically cut the risk of ever suffering a heart attack.

Heart attacks generally occur when blood clots form in coronary arteries. Streptokinase, administered intravenously once after an attack, triggers the body's own clot-dissolving mechanism.

Laurel calls for new elections

Aquino urged to resign

MANILA, Aug 13, (AP): Vice President Salvador Laurel today accused President Corazon Aquino of incompetence and urged her to resign.

He called for new elections and said he would resign if Mrs Aquino did.

In a four-page letter that he read to reporters, Laurel accused Mrs Aquino of weak leadership against communist insurgency and of tolerating corruption on the scale of her deposed predecessor, Ferdinand Marcos.

"The responsibility to take the essential step to ease the nation's suffering is yours alone and I would not wish to usurp it," Laurel said. "But, in your conscience, you feel you must now

make the supreme sacrifice by stepping down from the presidency and call for an immediate election to enable the people to choose another leader for these critical times. I want you to know that I am ready to make the same sacrifice with you."

Support

But at the end of a news conference called to announce an oil-price rollback, Mrs Aquino charged that Laurel had not supported her enough, especially during the coup attempt in November 1986 and last August.

Mrs Aquino said when she called members of her cabinet to an urgent meeting during a

November 1986 coup attempt, Laurel did not show up until late in the afternoon "because he was playing golf."

"Can you imagine what would have happened if I waited for him while he played golf?" Mrs Aquino said.

Mrs Aquino said during the Aug 28 coup attempt, in which 53 people were killed and hundreds wounded, Laurel called her several times asking what he could do. She said she asked him to issue a statement of support, but Laurel never did.

"I would just like him to understand that when I need his support, it seems that he is not prepared to give that kind of support," Mrs Aquino said.

Mother of Marcos still unburied

BATAK, Philippines, Aug 13, (AP): More than three months after her death, Ferdinand Marcos' mother remains unburied as her son's dwindling followers maintain a wake in hopes the government will allow him to come home to bury her.

But civic leaders say that even here in "Marcos country," many believe the time has come to place the body of Josefa Edralin-Marcos in the marble tomb prepared for her in the family cemetery in a swamp on the eastern edge of this town.

Mrs. Edralin-Marcos died May 4 at age 95, and her body was transferred the following month from Manila to the Marcos ancestral home in this town of about 50,000, some 384 kilometres to the north.

Family members and Marcos supporters say no date for the burial will be set until President Corazon Aquino allows her deposed predecessor to return or until the former President himself orders the interment.

The body has been embalmed at least twice, and Marcos family mortician Frank Malabed said she could remain unburied until the end of the year.

Vassiliou hopeful of Cyprus unity

NICOSIA, Aug 13, (Reuters): Cyprus President George Vassiliou said today he saw forthcoming talks with Turkish Cypriots as the beginning of the end of the 14-year division of the Mediterranean island.

"I look at the negotiations as the beginning of the end... otherwise there would have been no point in entering negotiations," Vassiliou told Reuters in an interview.

Vassiliou will meet Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş in Geneva on Aug 24 for landmark talks brokered by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The talks aim to set a date and framework to resume negotiations on reunifying Cyprus, split since 1974 when Turkey seized the northern third of the island after a short-lived coup engineered by the military junta in Athens.

Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders have not met since 1985 when talks in New York between Denktaş and Vassiliou's predecessor Spyros Kyprianou collapsed.

Vassiliou, a self-made millionaire and political novice elected six months ago in a groundswell for change on the Greek-Cypriot side, will meet Denktaş for the first time.

Untouchable Hindus die in attack

NEW DELHI, Aug 13, (AP): At least 11 Hindu untouchables were killed in the northeastern state of Bihar when a gang armed with firearms and knives attacked two neighbouring villages, news reports said.

The Press Trust of India news agency said at least two people suffered serious injuries in the attack Thursday.

The two villages which were attacked, Damuha and Khadri Tolia, are about 50 kilometres southwest of the state capital, Patna.

The killers are suspected to be upper-class Hindus but no arrests have yet been reported.

More than 80 percent of India's 800 million people are Hindus, who are mainly divided into four castes. Below the castes are the Harijans or untouchables, the lowest, casteless group.

The name Harijan was given to the community by the hero of India's independence movement, Mahatma Gandhi.

Caste prejudices have lessened since India gained independence in 1947 but still persist in some areas. In Bihar, the poorest state in India, the divisions are more in evidence than in most parts of the country.

The prejudices have often erupted into violence in the state because many of the Harijans have joined marxist groups,

Radical students battle Seoul police

SEOUL, Aug 13, (Reuters): Thousands of South Korean students demanding talks with their North Korean counterparts fought police in Seoul today and a cabinet minister said the demonstrators wanted to topple the government and disrupt next month's Olympics.

About 5,000 students from across the country staged a noisy pro-unification and anti-American rally at Yonsei University in western Seoul, many of them streaming out of the campus to throw stones and petrol bombs at riot squads camped outside.

The more than 3,000 police responded with volleys after volleys of teargas to turn the protesters back, witnesses said.

Decision At least four policemen were injured when youths struck them with wooden poles, they said. There were no immediate reports of arrests.

Kim Yong-Gap, Minister of Government Administration, told reporters: "On the pretext of asking for reunification of the peninsula, radical students are trying to overthrow the government and disrupt the 1988 Seoul Olympics."

"If they continue to do so, the government will have to make a grave decision after the Olympics," he said.

"Kim did not elaborate on the 'grave decision' but said after the games the government might hold a referendum on whether the nation should continue to protect free democracy or become a leftist country bowing to students' demands."

He said some opposition politicians were siding with the radicals, putting the country's political situation in danger.

Students groups have called for a march to the village of Panmunjom on the heavily fortified border 50 km north of Seoul for talks on Monday with North Korean students on reunification of the peninsula, split since World War Two.

The government has enforced a ban on the meeting, saying any contacts with North Korea should be arranged through official channels.

Elsewhere in the capital today, hundreds of radicals chanted "Let's co-host the Olympics (with the North)" to speed up the reunification and hurled petrol bombs and stones at riot police, witnesses said.

Police detained about 40 people, the witnesses said.

In the previous four days, thousands of youths hacking the border meeting battled police in major cities. More than 100 people were injured, a police spokesman said.

Soviets trying to win Afghan peace

KABUL, Aug 13, (Reuters): While the Soviet Army withdraws, the Kremlin is preparing a new offensive in Afghanistan — the economic integration of the war-torn country into the Soviet Union's southern republics.

A long-term agreement between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan completed recently is aimed at making sure the two are tied economically, even after the last Soviet troops leave by next February, Western diplomats said.

"The Soviets lost the war, but they want to make sure they do not lose the peace," commented

one source. The cost of years of war that flowed the sending of Soviet troops into Afghanistan in December 1979 has been heavy. Soviet officials here said building the economy over the next 10 years would cost more than \$10 billion. On top of this, Afghanistan owes the Soviet Union about \$12 billion in loans.

Soviet officials, however, say much as 60 per cent of the Afghan government budget is recently going on defence, as Afghan forces take the place of departing Soviet soldiers.

Under the UN-mediated Geneva accords signed by Pakistan and Afghanistan in April, half the 100,000 Soviet troops are due out by Aug 15 with the remainder due to have left the country by Feb 15 next year.

Agreement The economic agreement, due to be signed by Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq during a visit to Moscow in the autumn, sets the framework for bilateral economic and technical cooperation until the year 2000, a Soviet diplomat said.

It provides for the reconstruction of entire sectors of the Afghan economy, such as agriculture, irrigation, mining, processing, energy, transport and telecommunications.

It also calls for the setting up of joint ventures, co-operatives and direct ties.

The Afghan private sector will also be included. "A promising trend of co-operation lies in a broadening of exchanges with representatives of Afghanistan's private trade and industrial businesses," a joint Soviet-Afghan statement said.



A convoy of Soviet soldiers and vehicles heading towards the Soviet border as they withdraw from Afghanistan's south-western province. (Reuters wirephoto)

KUWAIT ... GULF

New Hijra year begins

THE Hijra year 1409, marking the (migration) of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Holy Makkah to Madina started yesterday.

The Hijra (emigration) from Makkah to Madina is a great triumph for Islam. The emigration of the Prophet (PBUH) brought new and better economic, political and social norms

Saddam's eldest son to marry

BAGHDAD, Aug 13. (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday is engaged to the daughter of Saddam's deputy Izzat Ibrahim. Al Baath Al Ri'adhi paper reported today.

It said Saddam and Ibrahim, vice-chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, had attended an engagement party.

Saddam's other son Qusay is married to the daughter of Lieutenant General Maher Abed Al Rashid, commander of the 7th Army Corps which, with the Presidential Guards, recaptured the Iranian-occupied southern Faw peninsula in April.

Dollar Jet owners are Gulf Arabs

THE commercial attaché at the Austrian embassy in Kuwait said yesterday that the owners of the Austrian-based company which runs the "Dollar Jet" game are Gulf Arabs who have Austrian partners.

He added that although the Austrian government investigated the company's activities, the government had no right to stop the company since the game is permitted under Austrian gambling laws.

However, the attaché described the business as "cheating" and said it is foolish for anyone to believe that he will make \$25,000 from a stake of just \$25.

The attaché denied that he had any information that the company had links with Zionist establishments in the US.

A month ago, the Central Bank of Kuwait banned local banks and money exchanges from making the necessary drafts for the company, thus effectively breaking the "chain" upon which the company's activities depend.

KFAS training programme

DR ALI Abdullah Al Shamlan, director general of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), announced that the foundation will begin its training courses next Monday.

One course relates to real estate investments, and the other is on strategic planning for modernisation of the banking sector.

The two courses are scheduled to take place in Seattle, Washington, USA, and will last two weeks. Delegates from 24 offices representing the companies which contribute funds for the foundation will participate.

The two courses fall within the foundation's annual programme aimed at familiarising senior officials with the latest scientific and technical developments through intensified lectures and field visits.

The foundation seeks to provide the best training courses to officials of companies contributing to its capital.

Negotiations stalled

A STATEMENT issued by the labourers' union of Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) stated that negotiations between the union and the administration of KOC have reached a dead end because the fair demands and questions of the labourers were being ignored.

The statement added that the union did its best to preserve both public interest and that of its members. It went on to say that KOC had sufficient time to study the labourers' demands, but in the last two months KOC refused to meet with union representatives to discuss the demands.

Khadafi's message for Amir of Qatar

DOHA, Aug 13. (KUNA): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani today received a message from Libyan leader Col Muammar Khadafi dealing with Arab developments and bilateral ties.

The message was delivered to Sheikh Khalifa by Foreign Minister Jeddallah Azouzi Al Talhi when he was received here this morning by the Amir of Qatar.

than those which existed in the pre-Islamic era. Islam turned bad into good and infidelity into faith in the one God.

Celebrated

In Kuwait, the Ministry of Awaqaf and Islamic Affairs celebrated this great occasion with festivities attended by Minister of Awaqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Al Jassar, top ministry officials and a large number of Muslims.

In an address, Al Jassar hailed the popular Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, calling on the Muslim and Arab nations to continue backing Palestinians.

Pleasure

The minister also expressed his utmost pleasure over the ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf war, thanking the Almighty for the gift of peace and asking Him to bless efforts of both Muslim parties in opening a new chapter in their relations.

"We eagerly await the day in which this nation restores its natural role," he concluded.

Divers collect 2,300 oysters

By Mahmoud Mursi

THE chairman of delegations from the GCC states participating in the Fifth Marine Week have praised Kuwait for hosting the event and organising the week.

Divers from GCC states took part in two days of traditional pearl diving. All of the pearls which were collected were presented to HH the Amir as a gesture of appreciation for the generosity of the Kuwaiti hosts.

Crowds of people received the divers upon their return from the two-day journey on Friday evening.

A Kuwaiti diver, Abdul Hadi Al Yacoub, said that divers collected about 2,300 oysters from the sea in the Kheiran area.

He added that the youths who took part had done continuous and hard training to become qualified to dive in the depths of the Arabian Gulf and had managed to stay underwater for at least 90 seconds. Older, more experienced divers were able to stay under for up to three minutes.



Divers inspect the collected oysters.

The diving teams of each GCC state were competing to collect the biggest number of oysters. The head of the Saudi divers

team, Abdulla Al Jarallah, suggested sending only one ship for diving in future years. He said each GCC state should be represented by only one diver.

Ways to protect patients from radiation discussed

WAYS to protect patients from increasing quantities of radiation have been discussed by a committee of the Ministry of Public Health.

One hundred and sixty four arthrogram examinations were carried out by the radiology department of Razi hospital during the first five months of 1987. For the same period this year there were 94 such examinations. The average of guiding radiocopy amounted to 42 per cent.

Performed

From January to May 1987, 40 myelogram examinations were performed, compared to 38 examinations during the same

period this year. Thus, the guidance on using X-ray pictures resulted in a reduction of work pressure and cut costs.

The committee conducted a study aimed at setting policy for laboratory examinations and coordinating work between labs and different units of the hospital.

Further, the consumption of certain drugs such as antibiotics and medicines for rheumatism were also discussed.

The hospital administration was called upon to fill in all pertinent data on medical reports of patients.

Production capacity of groundwater wells

THE current production capacity of groundwater wells is 100 million imperial gallons daily, according to a report by Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water.

The quantity increased after the opening of the Um Qadeer water field. Its production capacity is estimated at 25 million imperial gallons per day, the report said.

Consumption

Maximum daily consumption during the summer of 1987 was 84.8 million imperial gallons. This amount was provided to approximately 44,789 consumers at reasonable prices, the report said.

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The ministry began using brackish water in 1953, and in 1960 the water was provided to consumers by separate piping.

Towers

This type of water is produced at several fields, including Al Sulabiya, Al Shaqaya, Al Abdali and Um Qadeer.

There were 14 conic towers constructed for storage of brackish water, the towers have a capacity of 660,000 imperial gallons each and are in different areas of Kuwait. The capacity of ground stores at production fields is estimated at 210 million imperial gallons, the report said.

Sultan Qaboos receives Mubarak's message

MUSCAT, Aug 13. (KUNA): Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid left here today after a three-day official visit to Oman. Radio Muscat reported.

Abdel Meguid conveyed a message to Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'eed of Oman from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and had talks with Omani officials on bilateral relations, developments in the Arab and international arenas and issues of common interest.

Lack of police patrols

OFFICIAL bodies in Kuwait, particularly the traffic department and the police department, have come in for considerable criticism from residents who cite examples of negligence and disregard for public safety and welfare.

A major grievance is the lack of police patrols in residential areas which means that the antisocial behaviour of youths frequently goes unchecked.

Haza Khalaf Al Fhaid claimed that even when officials are present, they do not fully comply with their duties.

Inadequate policing also leads to more frequent violations of traffic laws, especially speeding.

Faleh Abdullah Al Anazi called for the installation of detection equipment in all police cars to catch offenders.

Other criticisms concern vehicle testing methods and the need for police officers in areas which are notorious for traffic jams, such as the capital and the ministries complex area. The location and size of the Abmad Traffic Department building was also criticised.

Residents also complained about delays with paperwork at ministries, caused by negligence and carelessness on the part of employees and officials, the residents said. They called for tighter control on the personnel at the ministries.

NGOA elects officials

The New Goans Overseas Association (NGOA) recently held their general election for 1988-89.

Fidelis Fernandes was elected president of the association. Frank Fernandes and Michael D'Guzma were elected vice-presidents and Carmo Barreto, the general secretary. Peter Fernandes, Anthony Radrigues, Claude Fernandes, Filipe Fernandes, Wolfy Furtado, Rosary Fernandes and Eustace Alcasoas are members.

The association has planned a lot of cultural and social activities for this season.

String of victories for Iraq

Saddam emerges stronger than ever

BAGHDAD, Aug 13. (AP): Celebrations of gunfire and dancing in the streets of Baghdad this week indicate that President Saddam Hussein has emerged stronger than ever from Iraq's eight-year battle with Iran.

The struggle with Iran has been Saddam's war, begun only a year after he came to power. With an Aug 20 ceasefire date, Iraq's state-run information services are doing all they can to declare victory.

Flooded

Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have flooded the streets to dance and fire weapons, responding to government calls to celebrate "the day of peace and victory."

Only 18 months ago, Iranian forces were pounding at the defences of Iraq's second city, Basra, and foreign analysts suggested Iraq might crack. Western newspapers suggested outsiders should topple Saddam to fulfil Iranian demands for halting the war.

Instead, the war seems to have ended in a string of Iraqi victories over an Iranian war machine drained by the costly attacks on Basra.

And Saddam, a 51-year-old pragmatic populist, now can turn again to his dream of making oil-rich Iraq a modern economic and political power.

The President already had a firm grip on power in Iraq, a

country plagued by political instability for years before the Baath Party took control in 1968.

Mindful of numerous coups against past governments and perhaps his own past as an underground fighter, Saddam has used a huge security service to keep watch against dissent.

Quick

He has also promoted relatives to several key positions in the government and military — although he has been quick to dismiss those who proved incompetent or disloyal.

"The man who leads the Iraqis must be of a quick and nimble pace," Saddam said in 1982, "so the others will not step on his heels, then his back, then step on his head and pass him over."

Saddam himself took part in an unsuccessful 1959 assassination attempt against then-President Abdul Karim Qassem. The son of poor farmers, Saddam has combined an iron hand with a populist appeal. He has a reputation for hard work, bravery and personal honesty.

State television often spends a half hour or more showing the President sitting on a floor chatting with peasants or bouncing children on his knee.

Saddam's photograph beams from the front page of every newspaper. His portrait towers over major traffic crossings, airports, art galleries, sports tournaments



Saddam Hussein

and literary prizes are named for him. Poets and singers often recite his praises for hours a day on the television.

Even the war was called "Saddam's qadisiyyah," a reference to the seventh century triumph of Islamic armies in Iraq over the predecessors of modern Iraq.

Yet Saddam told American researcher Christine Helms in 1982 that after watching party members scrambling for power in the mid-1960s, "I developed an aversion to power... I began to loathe it."

Saddam's outlook was forged by his climb through the underground politics of the Baath Party, which advocates Arab

unity, socialist economics and rejection of foreign domination.

His policies are essentially pragmatic. He told Ms. Helms he "did not think I had to be basically concerned" with ideology until 1974, when he was already a senior force in the party.

Saddam has gradually improved ties with the West and has demanded attention to profits and discipline in the country's sluggish state enterprises.

He is also supremely self-confident. In 1964, still in his 20s, he led a revolt against the old party leadership, which was in disarray after being driven from power.

While in hiding, "I issued a communique on behalf of the party's provisional regional command, which did not exist, giving myself the authority to lead the party," he told Helms, who wrote, "Iraq: The Eastern Flank of the Arab World," published in 1984.

Interrupted

The war interrupted Saddam's massive effort to use Iraq's oil wealth to make the country a modern power.

"He has lost 10-odd years of his rule in which he could have literally transformed the country," said a senior diplomat in Baghdad.

"They have given a glimpse of the future to their masses." With the war over, he said, "I think they will be in a hurry to start building."

Crown Prince to patronise 12th congress

THE 12th congress of the Kuwait Students National Union will be held from Aug 27 until Sept 1.

The congress is to be patronised by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. The theme of the congress will be "Towards an Integrated Comprehension of the Security Issue," a local daily reported.

The daily added that the Secretary-General of the Union's Executive Authority Waleed Al Anjari will hold a press conference on issues related to the congress. The press conference will be at the union in Khaldiya area.

Dishdashas preferred

By Nashat Al Agha

DISHDASHA the Arab dress, which has several fashions is preferred by most people as it suits all weather conditions.

A local newspaper toured the "Safair souq" and visited a number of shop owners.

Abbas Ez Al Din said he has many kind of dishdashas. Some are local and others imported from Korea and China.

Summer dishdashas, particularly those of Chinese origin attract a bigger number of customers because they are cheap and average K.D.1,500 fills each, he added. Additionally, they are made of good quality of cotton and some Chinese manufacturers who visited Kuwait have improved on styles, he said.

Abdul Hussain Jafar said that most of his sales are to non-Kuwaitis. Kuwaitis are rarely seen at the Safair market to purchase dishdashas.

Arab expatriates on vacations from Kuwait purchase them at bulk for K.D.1, he disclosed.

Obeid Bazzali says that

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Let there be peace

A LEADING Kuwaiti newspaper yesterday praised efforts to improve political relations between Iran and other countries, saying this reflects positively on peace and stability in the Arabian Gulf region. "We favour a return of normal ties, and a resumption of political dialogue and diplomatic moves between Iran and other countries because it weighs in favour of voices advocating peace," the daily Al Rai Aam commented yesterday.

The paper said the Gulf states, more than anyone else, are keen to upgrade political and economic ties with Tehran after suffering from eight years of war and destruction.

But the paper pointed out that European and newly emerging industrial Asian countries are racing to send delegates to Tehran to win contracts and deals for post-war reconstruction.

"Asian and European companies and groups are racing to win contracts and compensate for losses from work stoppages at their oil refineries after the near end of the war," the daily went on.



Dishdashas on display at the Safair souq

Kuwaiti dishdashas are considered the best in the market. For each two dozen of Chinese dishdashas he sells the Kuwaiti variety is five've added.

Abdul Rahman Saud, a customer says he prefers to buy Kuwaiti dishdashas because of their superior quality and value for money.



Dishdashas small and large, for sale.

Uno to visit Iran and Iraq

BAGHDAD, Aug 13. (Reuters): Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno is to visit Iran and Iraq and other Gulf countries to boost political and economic relations, an Asian diplomat said today.

"The Japanese will try their best to get the lion's share of the reconstruction spree expected to prevail in Iraq and Iran in the aftermath of concluding peace accords in the Iraq-Iran conflict," said the diplomat, who asked not to be named.

Iran and Iraq have agreed to a UN-sponsored ceasefire to take effect on Aug 20. They are to start peace talks in Geneva from Aug 25 to formally end the eight-year-old war.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA said on Tuesday Sosuke Uno would visit Iran on Aug 20 for an official visit at the invitation of Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

A Baghdad-based Japanese diplomat said "although a date has not been set for Uno's visit preparations are underway so that it yields the best possible outcome."

Uno welcomed the Gulf war ceasefire and said Tokyo was prepared to co-operate in peace efforts and reconstruction in both countries.

Japan's Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Takakazu Kuriyama ended a two-day visit to Baghdad on Tuesday during which he conveyed a message to Iraq's President Saddam Hussein from Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

A senior Japanese diplomat said the message was concerned mainly with "bilateral relations and recent developments related to the implementation of the Security Council Resolution 598."

Japan has remained neutral throughout the eight-year Gulf war.

The senior diplomat said "trade matters were not specifically raised" during Kuriyama's talks in Baghdad.

Japan imports most of its oil from Iraq and Iran and has invested billions of dollars in development in both countries.

Computer seminar

THE dean of the faculty of law at Kuwait University Dr Adel Tabatabae said that a computer seminar to be organised this year will be the first of its kind in the Middle East.

Twelve foreign experts will participate in the seminar. The faculty has spent K.D.40,000 towards the seminar till now, he said.

Preparations to offer a master's degree are completed, the dean said. Five teachers have been appointed to lecture at different departments of the faculty this year.

53 embrace Islam

JEDDAH, Aug 13. (GNA): From mid-June to mid-July this year, 53 persons embraced Islam in Saudi Arabia in the presence of the head of Fatwa, Guidance and Dawa Department, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Baz.

The new Muslims are of both sexes and are Asians, Europeans and Africans.

Campers presented awards

SHEIKH Nasser Mohammad Al Sabah, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour attended the closing ceremony of the 37th Youth Camp and presented awards to camp members.

Annually

The camp, which is held annually, began on June 18.

The ceremony was attended by the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs for Youth Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui and other dignitaries.



Sheikh Nasser gives away the prizes.

Night of the Goans

Cheryl crowned D'Assissi Queen

TIME: 1.10 am, Friday, Set: Messiah Beach Hotel. Event: the D'Assissi Association's celebration of the 41st anniversary of India's independence.

Cigarette fumes and loud raucous noise hit one from every direction. But the crowd, which has been here since about 8.30 this evening, seems oblivious as it finally hushes to hear the judges' decision... Cheryl has been chosen from over 40 contestants to be the D'Assissi Queen '88. The runners-up are Philomena and Priti. Claps, cheers and wolf-whistles. The noise subsides, the Top Ranks guitarist hits the strings and couples invade the dance floor.

The occasion marked the D'Assissi Association's very first social evening. It was, on the whole, well-organised though it did get off to a somewhat late start... dinner was served at 1.30 am. The crowd appeared to be enjoying itself immensely; the beauty contestants, on the other hand, seemed intimidated by the howls and shrieks. The three winners were reluctant to face



Next of Kin (above) and Top Ranks kept the dance floor alive until early the following morning.

the audience; either that or they were aiming for a grand entrance — the audience was kept waiting of what seemed an acon.

The beauty contest was followed by novelty dances and a jazz dance competition. Live entertainment was provided by MC Gustav d'Sa, Next of Kin

and Top Ranks — whose rendition of Every Breath You Take couldn't have offended anyone but the most diehard Police fan.

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Sophia walks away with heaps of prizes

A SLIM, smiling Goan was crowned Summer Belle at the SAS hotel on Thursday.

Sophia Rodrigues outlasted 34 other contestants vying for the crown and walked away with heaps of prizes including an air ticket to Cyprus and a gold chain. The United Goans Centre (UGC) presented her with a teddy bear.

Susan Rego was chosen first runner-up and her sister Carol grabbed the second spot.

The crowd cheered and clapped as each winner was declared. Spotlight focused on the winners as they came up to the stage and cameras flashed from all sides.

Some young people showed

little interest in the contest and cried out for more music and dancing. Their wish was granted.

In the jive dancing competition, it was, again, Sophia, the Summer Belle, who stole the show. She and her partner Joe took the first prize. Dominic and Jennifer got second prize.

Stepping Stones and City Limits provided hot music and sang Congratulations in honour of the UGC, the organisers of the show. The UGC celebrate their 10th anniversary this year.

Atish Sinha, Counsellor at the Indian embassy, crowned the Summer Belle.

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A total of 34 girls took part in the United Goans Centre's Summer Belle contest.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

Pakistan Independence Day

On the occasion of the Independence Day of Pakistan, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at the Pakistan embassy on Aug 14 at 9 am. Members of the Pakistan community are cordially invited to attend.

Reception for students

To honour the students of the Bangladesh School who appeared for the Secondary School Certificate exam this year, the Nirjhar cultural group will hold a reception at the Al Andalus Hall at Holiday Inn Hotel, at 7 pm on Aug 14. For cards, please contact 4731854, 4711081, 4311218.

Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The last one is on: The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

Indian Independence Day

On the occasion of the Independence Day of India, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8.30 am at the Embassy premises, 34 Istiqlal St. on Aug 15. The embassy will remain closed on that day.

Onam Festival

The Viswahasathi Theatres, Ahhasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact Joe D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

HOTELS

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darnar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

At the Regency

Regency Palace is offering a special Hija New Year holiday weekend package for Kuwaiti and residents of Kuwait (family), featuring a welcome drink, full breakfast buffet, local daily newspaper, late checkout (6 pm), and the use of extensive health and fitness facilities.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the pool-side; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah coffee shop, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings. Mango promotion Aug 14 to Aug 31, featuring wide variety of mango preparations.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Fialaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — coconut pie — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Remada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also available. Special shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, featuring a wide variety of shrimp preparations.

The take-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips.

Le Mirage nightclub has a baroque on Thursday evening, featuring a full buffet and live entertainment from the Al Arz Band.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the Al Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahahel.

Masters bowling tournament

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah MacArimbang, tel: 4843447.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

Training will take place today (Sunday). Please meet at the grounds at 7:15 pm.

PBAK meeting

PBAK will have an officers' meeting on Aug 18 at the Pullman Hotel at 7.30 pm. Discussion will centre on various forthcoming tournaments.

★ All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



Sir Laurence Olivier plays arch-Nazi Rudolf Hess in Wild Geese II, showing today at Ahmadi Drive-In.

Al Andalus
Jaws the Revenge
Al Salmiya
Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone

Rakkisa Wa Al Tabbul
Starring: Nabeela Obaid, Ahmed Zaki

Drive-In
Da'arh Al Geeda'an
Starring: Yousif Sha'ban

Al Firdous
Kobinoor (Hindi)
Starring: Dilip Kumar and Meena Kumari

Fahahel Open-Air
Gopi (Hindi)
Al Fahahel

Cheppu (Malayalam)
Al Jahra
Dard (Hindi)

Granada
Jeete Hain Shaan Se (Hindi)
Sulabikhat

Disorderlies
Al Jleeb
Oru Minnaminunginte (Malayalam)

Ahmadi Drive-In
Wild Geese II

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



My Two Dads will be shown on KTV 2 at 9.30 pm.

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Sababul Khair
9.30 Space Adventures
10.15 Ibn Al Jabal: Arabic serial
11.15 Ala Duniya Al Salam: local serial starring Suad Abdullah and Hayat Al Fahd
12.15 Justice: English serial
1.00 News
1.05 World today via Satellite
1.50 Variety show
2.30 Al Ajnaha: Arabic series
3.35 Cartoon: Hyde
4.15 Arabic feature film
6.00 Al Jobara: children's serial
7.30 Diwanayat Shuraa Al Nabi
8.30 Waqalat Al Arab
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardash
10.30 Variety programme
11.30 News summary
11.35 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Heathcliff
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications.
7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly talk on Muslim philosophy



A Perfect Spy: on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm

presented by Arafat Al Ashi
7.30 Valerie: "One of a Kind"
8.00 News in English
8.30 The Flying Doctors: "Million Acre Prison"
9.30 My Two Dads: "Whose Night is it Anyway?" Nicole's dads get to spend the night exactly as they please.
10.00 Hillary's Adventure

tures: "Glacier Pilot"
10.30 Bestseller: "A Perfect Spy," based on John Le Carré's novel.
11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Bouds with a beat
0930 Songs and Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Pick of the Pops
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 The Young Sound
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 The World of Sports
2215 In the French Mood
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Pop Session Special
2400 Closedown

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Latin American Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Holter Skelter
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Jazz Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.51 am
Zohr 11.53
Asr 3.28 pm
Maghreb 6.28
Isha 7.51

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)
0100 News Summary (followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4)
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The Third Policeman
30 The Ken Bruce Show
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Trivia Test Match
0400 Newsdesk
30 English Songsmiths
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 The A-Z of Hollywood
45 Letter from America
0600 Newsdesk
30 Five Faces of Jazz
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent
45 Words
50 Waveguide
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 The Pleasure's Yours
0900 World News

09 British Press Review
15 Science in Action
45 A life at the UN (ex 21st and 28th Whither Wisdom?)
1000 News Summary followed by Short Story
15 Classical Record Review
30 Religious Service
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)
1200 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Sports Roundup
45 The Tony Myatt Request Show including at
1400 News Summary
1430 Trivia Test Match
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 From the Pops

ALL TIMES GMT

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Geet Kahani
2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Madina Pharmacy
Abdulla Al Mubarak St.
Al Mijal Bldg.
Al Mijal
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Al Mijal Bldg.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Saudah
Al Othman St., Nagra, nr.
Al Tawari Mosque

Salmiya and Rumekhiya
Sahara Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahahel and Ahmadi
Al Shiba Pharmacy
Ahmed Al Jaber Bldg., Fahahel
Old Kheitan
Al Ahram Pharmacy
Block 3, Sulaiman Saleh Properties
Jahra
Al Nour Pharmacy
Al Mafaf St., Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Bldg.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

SOLDIERS usually win the battles, and generals get the credit for them — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

US becomes 'UN's No. 1 deadbeat'

By Ted Morello

UNITED NATIONS: After a quarter of a century, the shoe that a defiant Premier Nikita Khrushchev pounded on Moscow's United Nations desk personally and by proxy is on the other foot.

In 1963, with his government a multimillion dollar delinquent in UN peacekeeping assessments, the Soviet ambassador said in a blistering speech that Moscow "will not pay" for peacekeeping operations in the Middle East and the Congo.

Today, it is the United States which, by withholding its assessed and voluntary contributions, has become what one Western diplomat called "the UN's No. 1 deadbeat."

At the same time, the Soviet Union is scoring political points with a dramatic turnabout in its attitude toward the UN.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev capsulized the new view when, during the recent Communist Party conference, he predicted that "a universal system of international security will take shape, primarily through enhancing the role and effectiveness of the United Nations."

Welcomed

Most UN delegates welcomed Moscow's avowed change of heart, specifically its pledge to settle its cumulative, multimillion-dollar peacekeeping debt and to play a more constructive role in the organization.

But across the political spectrum, the reaction was spiced with skepticism about Soviet intentions. Almost without exception, delegates said they would wait to see whether Moscow's performance matched its pronouncements.

In a recent interview, Herbert Okun, US deputy permanent representative to the UN, said: "Pious generalities are nice to hear, but a healthy caution is in order."

In a separate interview, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky spelled out what he called Moscow's "new

thinking with regard to the United Nations."

"The USSR has just made a \$25 million payment on its peacekeeping arrears," he said, and intends "to cover the whole debt." In addition, he said, Moscow paid \$38 million in April toward the regular budget.

One of the most dramatic Kremlin turnabouts was its insistence on strengthening the role of the Secretary-General. Traditionally, Moscow has resisted initiatives taken outside the Security Council, where it holds a veto.

Support

But Gorbachev has said a secretary-general is "an authoritative figure, enjoying everybody's trust," and that therefore "all states should give him the maximum support."

In assessing the new Soviet look, UN officials focused on its financial pledges as providing the most immediate benefits. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said that unless delinquent contributions are paid by the end of October or early November, "the organization will be completely out of money" and "will have to cease operations."

While figures vary widely depending on source, authoritative estimates put the total US debt for the regular budget and peacekeeping at nearly \$532 million and the Soviet Union's at almost \$230 million.

The US hopes to pay \$188 million of its regular-budget arrears of almost \$467 million this year. The Soviet Union has indicated it will pay off its \$172 million peacekeeping debt within four or five years.

A senior UN official said the partial Soviet payment may induce other delinquents, including the United States, to follow suit.

The Russians are "certainly more flexible" and have unveiled a "verbally creative policy," Okun conceded. "But they still haven't put any clothes on the mannequin."

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Soviet pullout at midway point

Afghan rebels less confident

By Malcolm Davidson

QUETTA, Pakistan, (Reuters): When the Soviet Union declared it was withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, mujahadeen guerrillas confidently predicted a swift victory over the Kabul government.

Today, the euphoria is gone. Three months after Soviet soldiers started leaving, most guerrilla fighters readily agree many will die before the war is won.

According to the analysts the guerrillas lack an effective command structure must fight a more conventional war even though this will expose them to Afghan and Soviet air attacks.

"If they stand and fight they are going to get their butts kicked," said a military analyst in Islamabad who asked not to be identified.

With half the Soviet Union's more than 100,000-strong force due to be out by tomorrow, the political and military situation is changing, say rebel leaders and Western analysts.

Retreat

Without Soviet military support, Afghan government forces may provide much weaker opposition and retreat into their strongest garrisons, leaving the guerrillas the run of the countryside, rebel leaders say.

But Moscow has affirmed it intends to fulfill its pledge under the Geneva accords to withdraw by Feb 15 next year the troops which first entered Afghanistan in 1979 to prop up the country's communist government.

The guerrillas' most conspicuous failure is that all the major Afghan cities remain in government hands.

Guerrilla commanders in the Pakistani city of Quetta say the Soviet withdrawal from Kandahar, Afghanistan's big southern city reinforced recently by Kabul, is a breakthrough.

Its fall would be a tremendous boost to mujahadeen prestige and could give the political leadership a chance to move from Peshawar, in northwest

Pakistan, to Afghanistan. Guerrilla leaders met two weeks ago to plan a major assault on Kandahar and to co-ordinate their strategy. Maulvi Abdul Waris, head of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami, said at least 6,000 guerrillas were poised for the attack.

Attack

Any large concentration of mujahadeen exposes them to the danger of air attack as Hamed Gailani, head of the National Islamic Front in Quetta, acknowledged.

"Our primary difficulty in the war has been and always will be the air raids," he said. "As long as the Soviet air force can operate it will be difficult."

Hamed Gailani's father, Syed Ahmad Gailani, is current chairman of the Peshawar-based alliance of seven guerrilla groups which regard themselves as the rightful inheritors of power in Afghanistan.

The alliance is officially known as the Islamic unity of Afghan mujahadeen but the title cloaks deep divisions.

These were exposed last month when United Nations mediator Diego Cordovez urged both sides in the conflict to step aside in favour of a neutral government of impartial Afghans.

His plan included a ceasefire and cooling-off period during which the neutral government would convene an assembly of prominent Afghans to develop an administration acceptable to all sides.

The plan was officially condemned by the alliance, which refused to see Cordovez, but several moderate leaders, including Gailani, have accepted parts of the plan.

The minimum demand of the guerrillas is the toppling of President Najibullah from power in Kabul.

There are few indications that he is currently under serious threat but Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze made a point during his visit to Kabul last weekend to get a wide sampling of Afghan opinion.

Khomeini swallows the 'poison' and King Hussein severs West Bank ties

Shocks are the life-blood of Middle East politics

THE Reagan administration had hardly recovered from the surprise announcement that Ayatollah Khomeini had swallowed the "poison," as he called it, of suing for peace when King Hussein of Jordan, in another surprise, flung down the gauntlet and severed all of Jordan's responsibilities for the West Bank.

Shocks are the life-blood of the Middle East, but these two events came like bolts out of the blue and left the experts gasping for air, and wondering whether the Khomeini revolution had reached the end of the road and whether King Hussein had accepted the fact that history had passed him by or that this widespread assumption was false.

The answer to the first question one hears most frequently here is that it probably has not quite reached the end of the road, but that it has lost much of its momentum and that a lot will depend on who will be next in command.

Retreat

Revolutions don't make headway when its troops are in retreat, when economic conditions are worse than ever and almost the entire world is ranged against it.

Furthermore, the true believers in the Islamic Revolution are down to from ten to fifteen per cent, according to Iranian official sources.

Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the powerful speaker of parliament is the obvious man to take charge in the immediate future. But nobody is quite sure whether he is more of a revolutionary or pragmatist.

At least for the time being though he does consider himself strong enough to forge the kind of compromise that would enable him to take full command of the situation.

He had managed to convince Khomeini that he had to assume responsibility for the end of the war. Despite the obvious defeat, he remains a symbol of power even in times of overwhelming setbacks.

Apart from Rafsanjani, there is nobody either in or outside Iran who is popular enough to take over the governmental reins. And as to the possibility of a military coup, there does not seem to be a military personality strong enough to take command and also acceptable to the mullahs. For the time being, at least, the end to the bloodshed is so popular that the prospects of an end to the war have strengthened those currently in charge.

The mullahs, anxious to keep the revolution alive, according to various intelligence reports, have

concluded that the only way to achieve that is to turn it inward and deal with the economic crisis that has helped to bring the country to its knees.

To achieve that Rafsanjani is eager to restore normal relations with countries that have the means to aid in Iran's recovery. They include France, Canada, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Japan and others.

It was thought here that Khomeini did not want an end to the war. It is not surprising that therefore the Iraqis have some doubts about his peaceful intentions. And if they play hard to get this is not surprising either. For some wonder whether Khomeini's outburst about having to drink "poison" could possibly contain the seeds of a repudiation of peace when it suits Iran's designs.

The Iraqis have the advantage in the negotiations. They, after all, forced Iran into suing for peace. They will want to get firm guarantees against Iran's interference in its internal affairs and for the safety of their ships and oil supplies including various territorial safeguards.

To achieve these guarantees with the help of the United Nations will not be easy and the temptation to threaten the resumption of warfare will be hard to resist on the part of Iraq which has suddenly become the ten foot tall power in the Gulf.

In all this the United States will have to play its part by keeping its Navy on duty in the Gulf, though a few ships will gradually be withdrawn.

Officials are well aware that some Gulf states welcome the presence of the US Navy, others have their reservations. Overall, though, American officials are pleased with the general reception of American naval power in the area, and would like to broaden the US security role in other ways.

Deal

The record-breaking arms deal the Saudis signed with the British, for instance, has made quite an impression on Congress. It represents not only a huge financial loss for American industry, but it is also seen as a warning that the US is losing its grip on the dominant position in the region.

No doubt, the close US relationship with Israel will continue, but changes are under way. The arms package for Kuwait has been approved. With other nations, especially the British and the French, defying what has been an American monopoly, Israel is losing some of its leverage here at a time when it is engaged in a struggle against the Palestinian

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



King Hussein



Ayatollah Khomeini

uprising that is debilitating psychologically, financially and economically.

Changes are also under way in the Arab world, whose financial resources are not as abundant as they used to be since Gulf oil is not anymore the gold mine it used to be. It also means that Saudi Arabia, for instance, will not be as generous as it used to be in supporting other countries. Iraq will have to pay for its reconstruction from its own resources and so will Iran. If nothing else, it will keep both from engaging in more mischief.

A generational change is also set in. Leadership in a number of states is passing to a younger group which is likely to be more concerned with internal development and self-preservation. It will not be as traditional bound in relying primarily on the United States, as the older one was, which again is likely to weaken American influence in the area.

Succeeding

Such at least is the analysis among American officials familiar with the Middle East who take a longer view. These officials also find themselves forced to concentrate again on the Arab-Israeli confrontation now that the Iran-Iraq war is coming to an end, and King Hussein has given the coup de grace to the American peace process and challenged the Palestine Liberation Organisation to prove that it is not some sort of a chimera, but that it can live up to its claims of Palestinian leadership.

There are, however, problems

Egypt-Israel peace pact solid

By John Rogers

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuters): The absence this year of Egypt's usual national day cocktail party in Tel Aviv showed all is not well between Israel and its only Arab diplomatic partner, but both say their peace pact is solid.

Egyptian ambassador Mohamed Bassiouni avoided celebrating the July 23 anniversary of the 1952 overthrow of the monarchy to show solidarity with an eight-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza.

In a unique relationship like

the one established between Egypt and Israel in 1979, the non-existence of a cocktail party draws comment.

"It enhances the position of many Israelis who do not believe in the peace with Egypt and who hold that a lasting peace with an Arab country and with the Palestinians is not feasible in this generation," the Jerusalem Post newspaper wrote.

Many Israelis feel ties are stagnant, that Egypt is a reluctant partner and that President Hosni Mubarak's government feels compelled to balance ties with Israel against more powerful interests in the Arab and Islamic world.



Hosni Mubarak

For Mubarak, having relations with Israel causes perpetual problems in ties with Arab states and sparks protests from Egyptian leftists and Muslim hardliners. Two Israeli officials have been shot dead in Cairo in the past three years.

Officials in Cairo say Egypt finds it hard to deal with Israel's coalition government on Middle East peace because deals struck with one partner are blocked by the other.

They prefer dovish Labour Party leader Shimon Peres, currently foreign minister, but say he cannot make his views prevail in coalition politics with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline Likud Bloc.

Ties are aggravated by a simmering dispute over the Israeli-held Sinai border beach of Taba, due to be resolved by arbitration on Sept 28 if a compromise is not negotiated before then.

Worried

Few incidents are reported along the long Sinai desert border, but Israel is worried about periodic Palestinian commando crossings into Israel. Officials say there have been six incursions in the past year.

In recent interviews with Reuters, two men who know the Egypt-Israel relationship intimately say things are not perfect but could be worse.

In his Tel Aviv embassy, Bassiouni said relations were good, and added: "Egyptian-Israeli relations are like a thermometer. If there is progress in the

peace process, to achieve comprehensive (Arab-Israeli) peace and solve the Palestinian problem, the mercury rises. If the peace process for the Palestinian issue is frozen, relations come down."

Bassiouni said Egypt's peace with Israel was intended as a step to a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement, and achieving this would improve the atmosphere and strengthen ties.

Peace efforts, centring on a US initiative, are stalled until after US and Israeli elections in November.

Stable

Moshe Sasson, back in occupied Jerusalem after seven years as Israeli ambassador to Cairo, assesses the relationship this way: "It's a good, stable strategic peace with day-to-day problems."

He said these included the way Israel was portrayed in Egypt's state-owned media, which meant that "most people (in Israel) don't feel that they have peace."

During his 1981-85 Cairo assignment, he said, "There was a sort of Aswan dam between me and the Egyptian media."

The Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza, seized in 1967 from Jordan and Egypt, has sparked a wave of sympathy in Egypt.

"I see the emotional impact of the intifada (uprising) on our relations but I believe that it will be kept in the right parameters," Sasson commented.

The envoys agreed ill-feeling over the revolt would keep down tourism in both directions.

Complains

Israel complains that far fewer Egyptian tourists visit Israel than the number of Israelis, 72,000 last year, who flock to Sinai and Cairo on package tours.

Sasson said 250,000 Israelis visited Egypt over the past seven years but only 15,000 to 17,000 Egyptians went to Israel.

Bassiouni said Egyptians don't go to Israel because it is more expensive, they have plenty of tourist sites at home and, this year, because of the Palestinian uprising.

and determination and Bush as troubled, indecisive and unsure of himself, they plan to shift the emphasis of the contest to the great issues of our time. Dukakis has largely avoided coming to grips with them.

It won't be, Lee Atwater, Bush's campaign manager, admitted to me, because people in their own minds do not clamour for dramatic changes. They are relatively content with the economic situation and reassured that the dangers of war are receding in most parts of the world, but above all between the two superpowers.

"In virtually all recent election campaigns the peace and prosperity issues dominated the contest," Atwater says. "We Republicans have to go over to the offensive to make people realise that Republican policies have led to their contentment. We have to take control of the agenda and remind people it is due to the policy of 'peace through strength' that so much progress has been achieved in arms control and East-West relations."

"We have to remind people that it is thanks to Republican policies that inflation is down. Taxes are down, unemployment is down and that Dukakis in his own state of Massachusetts has just increased taxes to balance his own budget. In our opinion polling we find that people speak about the mounting drug problem and the decline of morality. But that they have not yet focussed on foreign and economic issues. We must emphasise the latter and force Dukakis to define where he stands on the issues that will decide our destiny."

Penalty

He also indicated that the Bush campaign plans to emphasise that Dukakis, in contrast to Bush, is against the death penalty. (A majority are for it as a deterrent to the crime wave), that he introduced a system whereby serious criminals, even rapists, were given weekend leave to be with their families which led to more rapes, that he is for mandatory gun control, and that he would weaken American deterrent nuclear power.

What is so frustrating to the Bush people is that there is no single issue that is driving this election campaign. When pollsters ask what people conceive is the most important national problem, they besitate, wonder and in the end confess that they can't think of one such outstanding issue.

And that is of course the reason why the personality issue has assumed such importance

and why Dukakis is ahead of Bush in the polls at the moment. Will Americans look at Bush differently once he sheds the vice-presidential title which somehow conveys a sense of weakness, of "stand-by equipment", as Nelson Rockefeller once put it and assumes the title of leader of the Republican Party? That is one of the crucial questions and the answer is up to George Bush and his performance at the Republican convention.

One of the good things that can be said about the new trade bill the US Senate passed with an overwhelming majority is that it could have much worse, but it might never have happened had countries like Japan and other major exporters to the US agreed earlier to the trade concessions they conceded in the last three years.

It was their reluctance to do so and the momentum the bill was bound to gain in an election year that made new legislation inevitable.

Retaliation

The White House fought off almost all attempts to force the president into mandatory retaliation. He will have, however, enough leeway to decide when and how to retaliate. President Reagan considers himself a free-marketeer who resisted imposing protective measures good many times, but if another protectionist turns out to be more protectionist than he is, then the new bill will prove to be an incitement to future trade wars.

Once upon a time it was the Democrats who were proud of calling themselves fair-traders. Now they are the nationalists the Republicans used to be and it is they who, under pressure from the trade unionists, were the architects of the bill.

The time when the US encouraged imports and consumption is over. The consumer society created such a huge trade deficit that the government had to step in when not even a weak dollar gave American exports the necessary boost.

Perhaps the worst aspect of the new bill is that it will be up to the American government to decide what are unfair trade practices and that foreign government will want to develop our own methods to fight back.

That will be easier for European countries which have their own weapons to retaliate. The ultimate threat however is not only the prospect of a trade war but repercussions on American foreign policy, such as the gradual withdrawal of American troops from overseas to achieve those elusive budgetary savings.

Tanzania gaining ground

By Robert M. Press

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — Four years ago, shelves in many shops here were practically bare. And bus stations were jammed with anxious would-be travellers as gasoline shortages idled most vehicles. Today shops are crammed. Buses, trucks, and cars cause city traffic jams.

After nearly a decade of economic decline, Tanzania, one of the poorest nations in the world, is gaining ground. Best known as the champion of African socialism, this East African nation is beginning to see results from capitalistic economic reforms begun in 1986.

Whether these gains will endure, and further progress be made, depends on the willingness of top party officials and government leaders to stay the course, and on continued public support for the reforms, say economists, party officials and Western banking representatives.

Production of cotton and tobacco, key export crops, went up sharply in 1987. Good weather helped, but so did the fact the government is paying farmers higher prices as part of the reforms. As a result of the agricultural gains, per capita income rose for the first time in the 1980s. Per capita income is about \$240 a year.

The prices being paid coffee farmers have risen 200 per cent in three years, says Ian Porter, World Bank representative here. That compares with about a 90 per cent hike in the prices of goods during the same period. A government study shows coffee farmers are coming out ahead, says Finance Minister Cleopa Mstuya. Cotton farmers are at least breaking even, says Porter.

Other reforms Tanzania has made within the past four years include slashing the value of its once highly inflated shilling to make its export less expensive; cutting federal spending to reduce domestic debt; lifting price controls on hundreds of items to encourage greater

production; and easing the restrictions on imports to keep shops well stocked. These reforms have not, however, ended Tanzania's economic crisis. And some of the changes have brought new challenges.

Trimming the federal budget could result in cuts in funds for education and health services. Closing some state-run industries as the government has promised to do — may save money and allow freer competition, but it will add to unemployment. Farmers are being paid more by the government for their crops, but the price of imported fertilizers and pesticides has risen sharply. And increased production on the farm creates a need for more processing and transport facilities that simply are not available.

Pinch

Urban residents and farmers feel the double pinch of higher food prices and less buying power because of the devalued shilling. There is a little dispute, say Tanzanians interviewed, that the reforms were desperately needed — whether seen as a departure from socialism or as a course correction within the principles of Tanzania's socialism. But there is confusion among some Tanzanians as to where their government is headed ideologically.

"The economy had gotten so bad that there was less debate on a choice between ideologies," says Samuel Wangwe, dean of the faculty of economics and social sciences at the university of Dar es Salaam. "I think Tanzania is moving toward a more pragmatic approach. But whether its moving from its social ideals is not clear."

Political leaders here, however, say the changes do not mark an end to Tanzania's socialism. The state still owns all land, banks, and many essential industries. There are no signs this will change.

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THIS artist's rendering shows a civilian version of the military's V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft. Military and civilian aviation officials announced that they would work together to speed up a civilian version of the aircraft. The tiltrotor combines the vertical flight characteristics of a helicopter with the forward flight performance of a fixed wing airplane. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN EGYPTIAN Army officer looks at divers who found a suitcase, belonging to an Italian passenger, while searching the luxury tour boat 'Nubia' which capsized in the Nile River near Edfu on Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ITALIAN technicians Paolo Bellini, (second, left, between his brother Francesco and sister Loretta) and Salvatore Barone (at right with his wife Anna and daughter Elisa) arrived at Roma's Ciampino military airport on Friday after their release by members of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party who kidnapped them last November. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE official mascot of the 1988 Republican National Convention in New Orleans is Ellie Mae, a 3-year-old, 1,200-pound African elephant of the Audubon Zoo. (Reuter wirephoto)



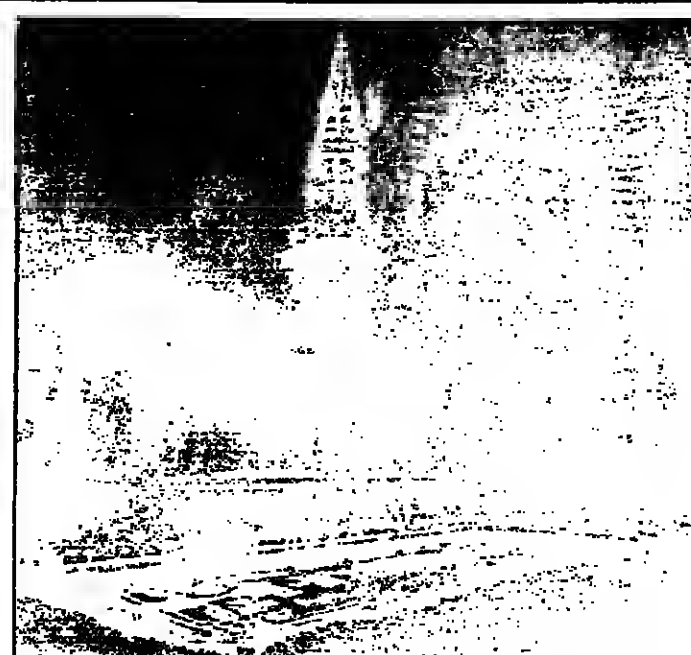
EMPEROR Hirohito of Japan is helped off a helicopter that brought him to Tokyo, yesterday, to attend a national war memorial service next week. (Reuter wirephoto)



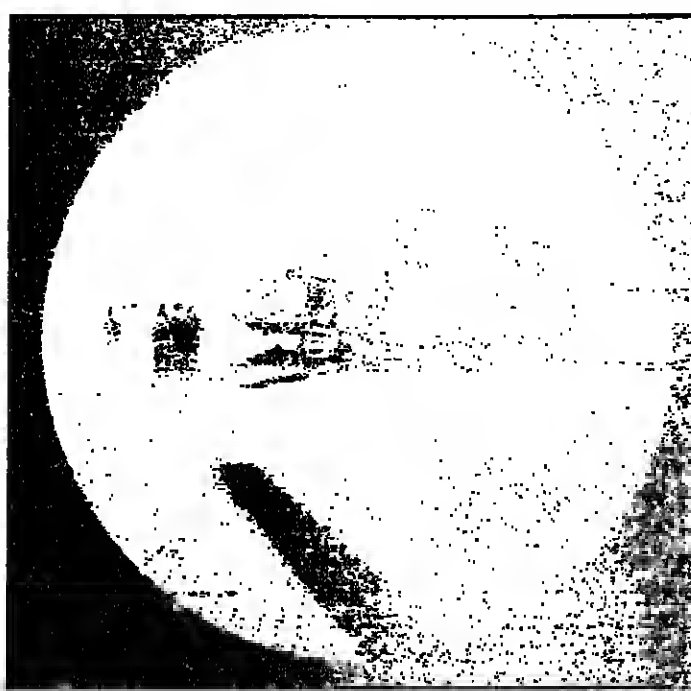
A FLOAT for today's Republican rally in New Orleans is brought to the Superdome. (Reuter wirephoto)



LIFE-SIZE cardboard figures of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev stand in front of the Berlin Wall and East Berlin's Brandenburg gate. A West German peace group put up the figures to protest against the Berlin Wall, which was built 27 years ago. (Reuter wirephoto)



A FLORAL carpet made of 650,000 begonias in pastel colours from Ghent region is on display for three days on Brussel's Grand Place. The carpet is 1,560 sq. metres (65 metres by 24) and took 100 florists a whole afternoon to arrange the flowers. The design is from Xinjiang, western China. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE crew of a Soviet helicopter gunship pauses before flying another mission to ferry troops as about 10,000 Red Army soldiers withdraw from Afghanistan's southwestern provinces. (Reuter wirephoto)



VIVIANA REGES, left, holds a cross with a photo of her son Alberto Herera, during a demonstration outside the offices of Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo in Managua. Her son was killed by Contra rebels. (Reuter wirephoto)



THOUSANDS of protestors demonstrate outside the Universal Studios. The protestors threatened an economic boycott of the studio if the Universal Studios-produced film 'The Last Temptation of Christ' is not pulled out from theatres. The film was shown in some theatres on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)

BEHAVIOUR

Anger: a misunderstood emotion

That angry feeling needs careful handling

By Rob Stein

BOSTON (UPI): There's that pounding in your chest. The veins bulge in your temples as blood rushes to your face. And that rush of adrenaline. That rush of energy. Almost pushing you. Pushing you to do something. Do something.

But you don't know what to do. You know you're angry. You're mad. Really mad. But maybe you're not sure exactly why. Or you're not sure if you should be angry. And even if you know you're mad, and have every right to be, you just don't know what to do about it. Your first reaction might be to shout. Maybe scream. Maybe throw something. Maybe shout, scream and throw something. And maybe even stomp out of the room and slam the door afterwards.

But should you? Would that really accomplish anything? Wouldn't it really just make things worse? It might even get you fired.

'There is evidence that sustained anger can contribute to physical illness, leading to headaches and ulcers, lowered resistance to infections, and perhaps even increasing the risk of cancer or heart attack.'

It's called anger. We've all felt it. There was that noisy neighbour last night, that guy who cut you off on the way to work, your boss, that inconsiderate comment from your mate.

While much is known about this most basic, most powerful of emotions, researchers are still trying to understand its implications.

Reputation

Anger, in many ways, has a bad reputation. The word evokes images of violent mobs rioting through the street, frustrated motorists erupting in fistfights, and enraged spouses slamming doors, or each other. This reputation stems from the fact many people have not learned how to handle their

anger properly.

Anger expressed the wrong way, as aggressiveness, leads to the violence that seems to permeate our society. Unexpressed anger, meanwhile, can cripple people emotionally, leaving them depressed and unhappy.

There is also evidence that sustained anger can contribute to physical illness, leading to headaches and ulcers, lowered resistance to infections, and perhaps even increasing the risk of cancer or heart attacks.

But anger can be a highly constructive tool, serving as an alarm that something is wrong and providing the impetus to change whatever it is.

The key to anger, experts say, is not only to express it, but to express it in appropriate ways that address whatever is triggering the emotion.

"We view anger as a normal and fundamental emotion that is built into people and animals as well by evolution," said Charles Spielberger, director of the Centre for Research in

body to mobilise the body's resources.

The problem is that today's humans face very few situations where the extreme physical response for which anger primes the body is appropriate. It's almost as if anger has failed to evolve to meet the modern-day world's challenges.

"We are living in the bodies of our ancestors, in a world they never dreamt would exist," said Dr Robert S. Eliot, director of the cardiovascular institute at the Swedish Medical Institute in Denver, Colorado.

Anger can interfere with a human's ability to deal effectively with what's making them angry. Angry people often complain that they are unable to "think straight" when they are angry. And often the danger today must be dealt with through brains, not brawn.

"You've heard of the phrase, 'blind rage,'" said Roland D. Maurio, director of the Anger Management Programme at the Harborview community mental health centre in Seattle. "We see cases where people in fact have major breakdowns in their perceptions. They just don't know what goes on around them."

View

Over the long term, the physical response to anger can be destructive, researchers believe. Repeated, sustained, elevated blood pressure is known to be a significant risk for heart attacks. The hormones released by anger, if not used in some way, may deposit on the walls of those constricted blood vessels, perhaps contributing to the development of heart disease. Blood also clots more easily, which may trigger a heart attack.

"You literally stew in your own juices," said Spielberger.

Or, as Eliot put it: "Survival reaction of the past is often suicidal in the present."

This view is supported by a growing body of research that indicates the component of the hard-driving, competitive "type A" personality that is the most important factor in increasing

the risk for heart disease is anger and hostility, researchers say.

"It's the key coronary-prone component. I'm convinced that's the case," said Spielberger. "When it becomes a kind of habitual way of dealing with anger, our research suggests that persons who are disposed to elevated blood pressure tend to be especially sensitive to being criticised. They respond with intense anger but they don't express it."

This tendency to suppress anger is learned, researchers say, with parents often teaching their children that many feelings, especially anger, are undesirable.

To counter this, people first must recognise they are angry. Many people may be upset, but not realise they are angry. Experts suggest people who fit this profile should look for physical signs of anger, such as an increased pulse.

After determining they are angry, these people must decide

whether they should be angry. Anger is set off by perceptions. If you can perceive the source of the anger differently, you may avoid unnecessary anger.

Redford Williams, director of the Behavioural Medicine Research Centre at Duke University Medical School in Durham, North Carolina said people who score highly on scales that measure cynicism appear to be at greater risk for heart disease.

Cynical people have a basic distrust of other people and are prone to perceiving situations in ways that make them angry, said Williams.

"When a line is moving slowly, even though you don't have anywhere to go, you begin to think the people in front of you are bad people. Before you know it you are angry and your heart is pounding away and your palms are getting sweaty. If you find this happening to you a lot in daily life, then chances are you have this particular characteristic," he said.



Society needs to actively change the attitude that heroes can solve problems through violence, says a prominent psychologist.

Eva Feindler, a psychologist at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York said most people get angry three or four times a day. Anything more than that may be cause for concern, she said.

Eliot calls people who frequently become angry 'hot reactors'.

"They literally fight saber-tooth tigers 20 or 30 times a day," he said. But if, after reflection, you determine the anger is appropriate, the next step is to determine what to do. Every situation differs. But the stereotypical response of aggressiveness usually only exacerbates the situation.

Instead of yelling at your boss—which may get you fired—the thing to do may be to write a letter or request a meeting a day or two later, after you have calmed down, to express your feelings of being wronged. It is important to try to rectify whatever is causing legitimate anger.

Although primal screaming and slamming pillows with styrofoam bats were once in vogue for venting anger, such practices have been questioned of late.

Carol Tavris, a social psychologist who wrote 'Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion', said studies show venting hostility in reaction to anger does not usually help people feel better.

"When people express anger aggressively, they don't get rid of it at all. They create an angry habit," she said. "Instead of feeling good after expressing anger, people feel awful, cold, aloof and miserable."

The important thing is to express anger in an appropriate way.

This is where anger can be turned into something positive, motivating someone to change something that is wrong in their lives, say, by changing jobs if they cannot work out a difference with their boss.

"Anger is a symptom of something," said Tavris. "If you are angry because you are stuck in a horrible job, you don't have a supportive boss



Sylvester Stallone as Rambo.

and you are feeling victimized, then your problem is not expressing anger. The problem is the kind of job you have."

Eliot maintains many people who have so-called "type B" personalities can be "hot reactors."

"These are people who don't get very angry very often, but when they do they are like Mount St. Helens. They are unassertive people who we try to teach to be assertive, to let off steam in little bursts," he said.

'Anger is a symptom of something. If you are angry because you are stuck in a horrible job, you don't have a supportive boss and you are feeling victimised, then your problem is not expressing anger. The problem is the kind of job you have.'

Ernest Johnson, an assistant professor at the University of Michigan Medical Centre, speculates some people may be born with oversensitive nervous systems that make them respond more dramatically to anger. He is studying 1,000 young adults to try to correlate psychological traits more exactly with physical responses.

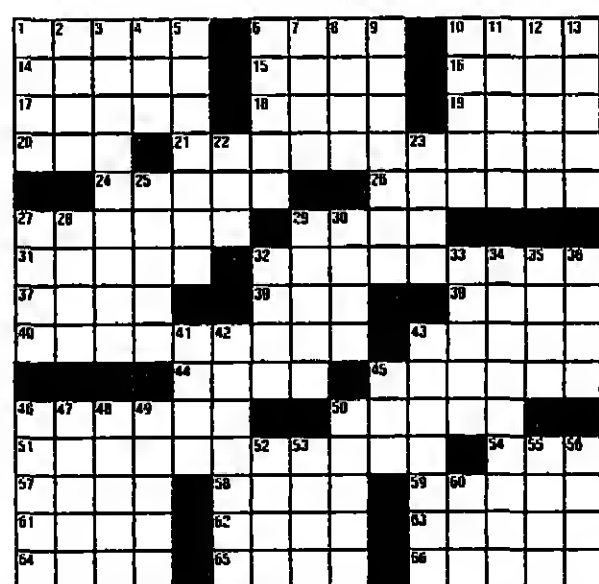
In contrast to people who have difficulty expressing anger are people who have so-called "short tempers" and frequently resort to anger with violence. Again, most experts agree this response is learned, perhaps from violent parents who served as role models.

Irvine. But more importantly, they need to learn to communicate their feelings, since these people often have a hard time expressing themselves.

Deborah Prothrow-Stitch, public health commissioner for Massachusetts, is among those advocating educational programmes to teach children appropriate ways to express anger.

"There's a real sense in the society that violence is OK and it's an OK way to solve a problem. Heroes solve problems through violence," said Prothrow-Stitch. "We need to actively change those attitudes."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- Man of parts
 - Pond plant
 - Whipper-snapper
 - Stock item
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 - Fan or system ending
 - Bank offerings: Abbr.
 - for the money.
 - Shift responsibility
 - Have one's hand in the till
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 - Notched
 - Investigate
 - Bank offering: Abbr.
 - Sniggler's prey
 - Planiat Peter
 - Come to terms
 - Small sums of money
 - Fling
 - Adjective for Boy Blue
 - Hatful
 - Actress Spacek
 - Sultice
 - Bookkeeping pro
 - Tramper
 - Champagne bucket
 - For want of
 - Overhang
 - Paper money, e.g.
 - Atlas feature
- DOWN**
- do well
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The bidding:

South West North East

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

When we were young, we enjoyed

experimenting with different bidding

styles. This hand, from the final

of the North American

Collegiate Bridge Championship

held in conjunction with the American

Contract Bridge League's

Spring North American Championships

in Buffalo, show that that is

still the case.

The event was won by the University of Illinois. On this deal, Dennis Carney and Justin Graver of UI sat North-South. They used the Precision System to get to an ambitious diamond slam. North's one club opening bid was artificial, indicating 17 points or more, and East's double showed the major suits. South's one diamond response promised at least a five-card suit and 5-8 points. North asked for suit quality, and South showed a suit headed by the jack. Both three clubs and four hearts were asking bids in those suits, and South's replies revealed second-round control in each case.

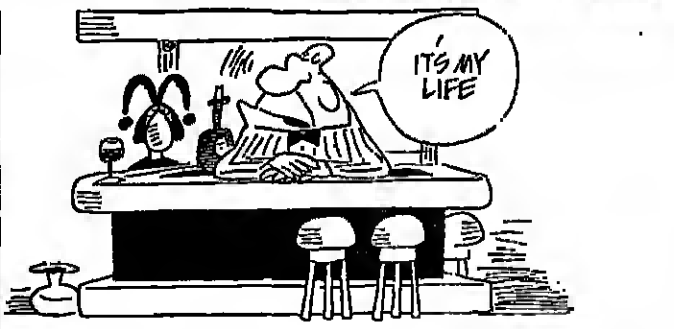
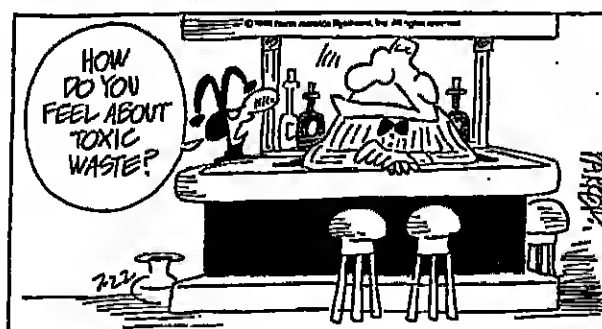
West led the jack of spades, and East's double came back to haunt him. With nothing to guide him, declarer would probably have taken every finesse in sight, with dire consequences. Since the location of most of the cards was marked, South instead elected to rise with the ace of spades. Next came a finesse of the jack of hearts, and when that held, declarer cashed the king, spurned the trump finesse in favor of crossing to the ace and discarded a spade on the ace of hearts. After conceding a trick to the king of diamonds, he later took a winning club finesse to land his slam.



"He bought an exercise bike and couldn't get it started."

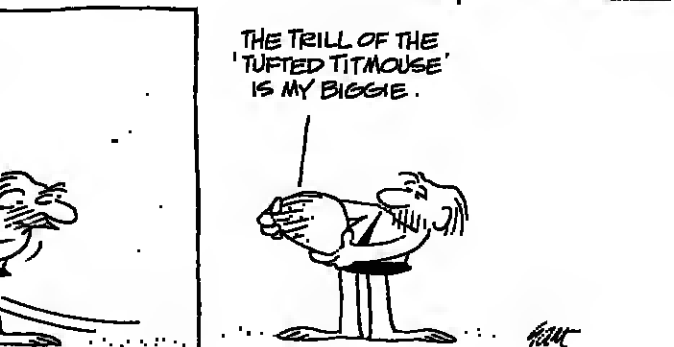
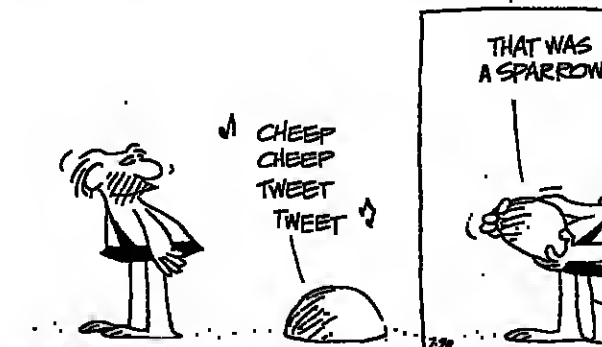
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



This is a good day on which to forgive and forget. You should avoid indulging in idle chatter. Do not allow your emotions to lead you astray. Be observant.



You will be in the best of spirits and should avoid overdoing things. Do not take more than you need when you are travelling. Avoid giving away a secret. Be objective.



You will not be in the best of moods and must make sure you do not offend anyone. You should spend some time on your own, but do not isolate yourself. Try to keep abreast of change. Be benevolent.



You should make sure you do not misunderstand, listen carefully to what is being said. Your personal situation will take a turn for the better. Try to keep calm even if provoked. Be sincere.



You will find it easier to cope with the situation which is not as bleak as it might seem. Something you initiated a while ago will begin to show results. You will be able to have a good laugh and should do so. Be candid.



The Moon's influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to face the facts. You will be able to make some changes for the better. Do not place too much emphasis on health foods — keep them in perspective. Be fair.



You should not allow yourself to be caught up in trivialities — do what has to be done and then relax. You will tend to overdo things where slimming is concerned. You should beware of drawing the wrong conclusions.



This is going to be a rather exciting day for you but you should not do anything that would aggravate matters. You will find it easier to pull yourself together than you have done on previous days recently.



This is going to be an important day for you. You will be able to do something that will increase harmony with your partner. You should keep your objectives a little more precisely in mind. Be considerate.



Today you will be able to take stock of your situation. You will be better able to differentiate between fact and fiction. You should show a little more goodwill towards others and if you do you will be more than rewarded. Be resilient.



There will be a small personal disappointment but you should not act as though the whole world has collapsed. There will soon be a good opportunity to make up for something that you missed last time round.



Venus' better influence will help you to resolve an unusual problem. You will have a good idea but it will not be appreciated as such by others. You should make sure that you do not drink or eat more than you know is good for you. Be moderate.

SNIPPETS

New big opposition alliance shaping up

SEVERAL "big-name" opposition politicians are joining ranks to form a high-powered umbrella group to counter the onslaught made by the Lakas ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) and other organisations sympathetic to the Aquino administration.

The two most prominent names being tossed about who could possibly unite the fractious opposition parties in the country are Vice-President Salvador Laurel and Senator Juan Ponce Enrile.

Teachers restive again

TEACHERS are restive again. This time, they are calling for a nationwide mass leave starting on Aug 15 to protest delays in payment of high school teachers by the national government.

Eric Torres, vice-chairman for Luzon of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), said that many provincial teachers, particularly those in Central Luzon, received late pay for July while others have not received theirs yet.

Prompt payment of teachers' salaries and benefits was one of the demands recently made by teachers belonging to the Manila Public School Teachers Association who were supported by ACT members in their recent three-week strike.

Kris Aquino to host TV show

ON THE advice of her mother the President, Kris Aquino will focus more on public service features when she hosts the top-rated "Eye to Eye" TV show on GMA-7.

It will be the first time Kris anchors a regular TV show. Television is a business that does not name and what better name is there these days in showbiz than that of Kris Aquino who "volunteered" to take over from regular "Eye" host, Inday Baiday, who's off for a birthday holiday.

Squatter problem worsening

SEN. Jose Lina Jr warned that the already serious squatters' problem in Metro Manila could get out of control unless the government takes strong measures against it.

Lina, chairman of the Senate committee on urban planning, issued the warning at the weekly Bulong Pulungan luncheon forum at the Philippine Plaza Hotel.

Loyalist hideout raided

GOVERNMENT troops raided a warehouse being used by forces loyal to deposed President Ferdinand Marcos and discovered a massive cache of explosives, military officials said.

Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon, head of the city's military forces, said the warehouse caretaker, a woman, had been detained for interrogation.

Transfer of Ninoy tomb considered

THE family of President Aquino is seriously considering the transfer of the remains of Ninoy Aquino to a "safer and secure" place after vandals tried to desecrate his tomb at the Manila Memorial Park.

Skull in garbage pile

HUMAN skull was found near the pile of garbage in front of a funeral parlour by a woman Metro Aide in Quezon City who informed barangay councilman Romeo Tenuelo. The skull was inside a trash can, Tenuelo said.

Viscon Bamba, manager of the funeral parlour, said his branch on Ave was undergoing renovation but the skull could not have come from the parlour since the parlour was not operating.

We counter rhetoric with facts: US ambassador

No media blitz to sell US bases

By Juan P. Dayang

"THE United States Embassy in the Philippines does not have any multi-million dollar public relations media blitz" to sell the US military bases to the Filipino public but tries "to counter rhetoric with facts."

This was the message of US Ambassador Nicolas Platt in his speech before officers and members of the Public Relations Society of the Philippines during their membership meeting at the Philippine Plaza last week.

Platt disclosed that the US embassy spends approximately \$25,000 a year on bases-related diplomacy, including television, motion pictures, radio and press programmes, and publications.

"Let's face it," he said, "\$25,000 is not very much money in today's world and we have a big job to do."

Platt said that to get their message across, the US officials do a lot of talking on radio and television shows and before various public forums of universities and civic associations like the PRSP.

"We often deal with the media... Sometimes we are successful,

sometimes not. Sometimes we are quoted accurately, sometimes not, but these are the risks of the game when you undertake public diplomacy in a free society," he asserted.

Platt appealed to the Filipino people to judge the US as an ally on the basis of facts. And he cited the following "facts" to justify the continued stay of US bases in the Philippines:

● American military bases spent over \$170 million in 1987 on procurement for goods and services in the Philippines. This made the bases the eighth largest export market for the Philippines, with a volume of exports twice that of the People's Republic of China and Australia, and just ahead of South Korea and Thailand.

● Nearly 70,000 Filipinos work at Clark and Subic, making the bases the second largest employer of Filipinos, just after the Philippine government itself. They generate over \$500 million annually into the national economy.

● The US continues to support the Philippine government in the restoration of democratic institutions, including education

reforms. The US has distributed over 200,000 books through out the country as supplementary texts, donated by private organisation and school systems in the US.

● The extensive US aid programme, co-ordinated by the Agency for International Development continues to be of help in bringing basic goods and services to the people in rebuilding infrastructure and in the construction of roads and schools.

● The US government continues to encourage American investments in the Philippines. US companies now in the Philippines are optimistic about its economic prospects and plan to invest over \$600 million over the next two years.

● The external defence of the US bases enable the Philippine military to use the bulk of its resources to combat the communist insurgency. They also contribute to regional security, as well as to the economic prosperity of the region.

● "So judge us not on what we say, but on what we have done," Platt told the public relations practitioners.

Kept alive by rain and prayers!

PERTH, Australia — Rain water and prayers kept alive six Filipinos in a lifeboat for a month after their freighter broke in two in heavy seas, rescuers said yesterday.

"They are undoubtedly the luckiest people in the world," Dr Michael Galvin said after examining the weary men when they were flown to a hospital in Western Australia this morning.

The seamen told the captain of the Greek bulk carrier Standard Virtue which plucked them from the Indian Ocean last week that their 16,240-ton ship, Singa Sea, had torn in two and sunk after it fell off the crest of a wave.

Captain John Dorotheos said

he had picked up the six survivors within two hours after one of his officers spotted a red flare off the port bow.

Eighteen of the crew of 25 were believed to have gone down with the ship, rescuers said. One other died later of his injuries and was thrown over the side of the lifeboat as it drifted in the Indian Ocean.

A Royal Australian Air Force plane was searching the area where the six were picked up for other possible survivors after an unconfirmed report that flares had been spotted by the crew of another aircraft.

The survivors, looking weak and suffering from exposure,

were flown by helicopter from the Greek freighter to the port of Fremantle, 30 km from Perth.

"The guys are too knocked out to talk. It's been a harrowing experience," Galvin said by telephone.

Galvin said all six were being treated for exposure from the effects of sun and seawater while two had suffered minor injuries from scrambling out of the freighter.

Occasional rain showers during their 29 days in the lifeboat kept them alive in an area of ocean known as the roaring forties.

— Reuter

By Jervina Lao

MANILA (UPI): Peeling paint, overweight hunches and declining patronage mark Oie Manila Playboy Club, the sole remaining bunny club outside Japan following the July 31 closure of the last US establishment in Lansing, Michigan.

It is a far cry from the glory days of the sprawling seafloor layout, where until recently diplomats cavorted and the sons of cabinet ministers and the president entertained their mistresses.

"They used to have really beautiful women," lamented one former patron. "It used to be really popular. But not any more."

The club, a franchised operation of the US Playboy clubs, in its heyday boasted a membership of 3,000, mostly US embassy staff, other foreign diplomats, and a Development Bank employees and the sons of Manila's rich and famous.

Ferdinand "Bong Bong" Marcos, son of the former president, was seen often in the club's cabaret room. Other well-known politicians and businessmen trysted with their mistresses in the notorious Playboy bar.

Succumbed

To recent years, however, the club has succumbed to the sleaze and decay that has overtaken the shrinking economy and outflow of capital that marked the end of the Marcos presidency two years ago.

On a recent Saturday night only 20 to 30 patrons were in evidence, served by a discon-

Sleaze and decay overtake Manila's Playboy Club

solate trio of bunnies, two of whom needed a drastic redistribution of weight to fit the Playboy image.

Service was slow and surly, instead of society figures, the customers were middle-aged, middle-class male tourists hosting cheaply dressed bargains from the neighbouring red-light strip.

Former Manila club manager Sylvia Rushbrooke, fired last year during a dispute with the employees' union, said excessive job security has made Manila's bunnies sloppy and lax toward their customers.

"Most of the bunnies have been there four or five years and it has gotten to be a habit, a way of behaving which is totally incongruent with the international standards (for Playboy clubs)," she said.

"Here you end up getting girls

who are 32, 33 years old who are not really suitable as bunnies any more. There is also the problem of older bunnies bullying younger bunnies."

"Before, the bunnies were cheerful and friendly," said one former waitress at the club. "When they saw a new face, five or six bunnies would gather around him to greet him. Now (my friends) say the bunnies are not friendly any more."

Rushbrooke also blamed franchise owner Leandro Enriquez, a one-time Marcos associate, saying he has refused to put up money for much-needed redecorating and promotion.

Shame

"It's a shame because it's really a very nice club and it's being wasted," she said. "The lighting, the music, the sheer space — it's got a lot of potential."

Enriquez, who runs the club in conjunction with the adjoining Silahis Hotel, has problems of his own. Both the hotel and club have been sequestered by the government because of allegations that the Marcos family holds an improper financial interest in the enterprise.

Even so, the club's Belgian manager, Philippe Bartolomei, insists "business is doing fine" with some 2,000 members, including 1,000 diplomats and about 200 women. But he admitted that even in Asia the Playboy club concept will die in a decade or two.

"I believe the situation here will follow the trend of the clubs in the United States and Europe," he said.

PBA All-Filipino Conference

PLAYING coach Robert Jaworski beat the final buzzer with a follow-up shot to give Anejo Rhum Rum a 115-113 win over defending champion Great Taste Instant Milk and send his team to the semifinal round of the PBA All-Filipino Conference at the ULTRA.

Jaworski's winning shot shattered a 113-all tie forged by Philip Cezar who had scored on a follow-up of Bernard Fabiosa's miss with 27 seconds left.

The Rummakers scored their sixth win in 11 games as Anejo clinched the last berth in the five-team semifinals and tied the Great Taste for fourth place in identical 6-5 cards.

It was a sorry loss for the Milk Masters who blew a commanding 21-point lead, 79-58, midway in the third quarter.

Anejo's cliffhanger ended the semifinal aspirations of the RP-Swift team which team. The nationals earlier routed Shell Rimula, 146-113, to boost their record to 3-8 and wiggle out a last-place tie with Shell.

The Diesel Oilers saw their record drop to 2-8, as RP-Swift set a new team high in the conference.

Elmer Cabahug scored 20 of

Anejo clinches semifinal spot

his game-high 36 points in the second quarter where the national team outscored the Oilers, 43-17, unofficially an all-time high score in a single period. Renato Agustin, who had 27, contributed 14 during that stretch.

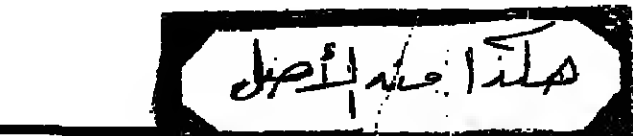
Dindo Pumaren, who barely had a rest after leading La Salle to victory in the UAAP, played for 22 minutes and issued a conference-high 16 assists while Ricardo Marata scored 23 points backed up Pumaren with 14 assists.

Anejo kept Great Taste at bay until midway in the second quarter when the Milk Masters rattled off eight unanswered points to key a 55-45 halftime advantage.

The scores: RP-Swift 146 — Cabahug 36, Agustin 27, Marata 23, Asyngone 14, Dala Rosa 14, Reanabli 14, Jao 8, Pumaren 4, Desagelilo

2, Babitozina 2, Agustin 2, Rado 0.	
Shell 113 — Victoria 33, Casco 25, Dala Rosa 19, Mananana 9, Asyngone 7, Jalamco 6, Cordero 5, Ang 4, Hualde 3, Herrera 2, Engnera 0.	
Quartetscore: 27-32, 70-49 105-75, 146-113.	
Ref: C. Ocampo Jr., L. Salak Jr., S. Cordero Jr.	
Anejo 115 — Ampatayo 23, Distrito 17, Leyzaola 4, G. Jaworski 15, L. Leyzaola 13, Conzajo 13, Mamaril 8, Salazar 8, Codina 3, Advani 0, Ducent 0.	
G. Taste 113 — Cezar 20, Fabiosa 19, Co 15, Abatan 11, Calde 10, Timiles 10, King 9, Jaramco 8, Cabato 5, Santos 4, Crisolia 2, Rolles 0.	
Quartetscore: 27-25, 45-55, 94-87, 115-113.	
Ref: R. Besabe, E. de Leon, S. Capuriza.	

PBA All-Filipino Conference Semifinal Round	W	L	Pct.
Alaska Milk	7	4	.636
Saa Miguel	7	4	.636
Great Taste	6	5	.545
Anejo Rhum	6	5	.545
RP-Swift	3	7	.300
Shell Rimula	2	8	.200



WHO presents alarming statistics

Six million Filipinos carrying HBV virus

CLOSE to six million Filipinos, or 11 per cent of the country's population, are active carriers of Hepatitis B virus (HBV).

Dr Manuel Roxas, under-secretary for public health of the Department of Health has confirmed these recent findings of the World Health Organisation on the virus, which is one of the major targets of the WHO expanded immunization programme (EIP) and San Miguel Corp.'s "Task Force for Hepatitis B" project.

A good number may not even know they are carrying the HBV, a major attribute of liver cancer and hepatocellular carcinoma, one of the ten most common cancers in developing countries, says Dr Roxas.

There is no known cure for HBV, although WHO has been approaching the problem through prevention by immunizing babies, which is said to be the most effective strategy in the West Pacific, where 78 to 80 per cent of the 284,000 total world carriers of the disease are.

"It is crucial that the first dose of vaccine (either plasma-derived or recombinant DNA) be

given soon after birth, preferably within 24 hours. A second dose is required one to three months after the first, and a third dose, six to twelve months after the second," says a WHO document on the recently concluded seminar of 28 world managers on FIP.

Problem

The main problem that faces immunization is the high cost of the vaccine — \$2 to \$3 each. Says Roxas: "We are working with a research group at the University of the Philippines on how to bring the immunization dosage into just a single dose."

But even granting that this becomes possible, it's still a lot of money which we can ill afford now or in the future."

HBV is transmittable through various percutaneous and mucosal exposures to contaminated blood and other body fluids (saliva, semen, and even breast milk) and through breaks in the skin and mucous membrane.

Contaminated needles and syringes and infected dental and medical instruments are also normal transmitters.

The virus is transmitted most frequently between male homosexuals and through other forms of personal contact such as sexual intercourse and even kissing.

Carriers of the disease are commonly found in urban centres where person-to-person contacts are high.

The infected person may start with no symptoms at all or, at most, with slight fever, weakness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach pains, and very negligible yellow colour.

"It is a more dreaded disease than AIDS in Southeast Asia," says Dr Gertrude Mirasol, medical director of San Miguel Corp., which is pioneering a programme to screen and immunize all its employees nationwide for possible HBV infection or protection.

Roxas doesn't think the HBV is deadlier than AIDS. "Maybe in terms of magnitude, the number of those afflicted and those in active carrier state," he says. He agrees there is yet no known cure for HBV, but "it can be prevented through immunization, unlike AIDS."

"We appreciate SMC for undertaking this multi-million peso endeavour. We hope its findings will be of great help to medical research on HBV," says Roxas when asked to comment on SMC's programme on the virus.

Mirasol, who heads the SMC Task Force for Hepatitis B, says SMC spent P2 million in 1987 on blood examinations and three-dose vaccinations of 93 per cent of the SMC work force nationwide who were screened and vaccinated at the company's expense. This year SMC has earmarked P9 million to continue the project.

In China, which ranks second to the Philippines in number of HBV carriers, over nine million doses were produced in 1986 and 17 million last year. So far, except for the SMC pioneering programme, the Philippine government has yet to produce the vaccine, whether for three or even single dose immunization.

"We don't have the money for it. And I hope our lawmakers will be able to help us in this problem," says Roxas.



Some of the Filipino fishermen detained in Malaysia.

Diplomatic row over illegal fishing

DIPLOMATIC relations between the Philippines and Malaysia might break if Malaysia continues to hold 48 Filipino fishermen acquitted by the Kota Kinabalu court three days ago of illegal fishing in the waters off the Spratly Island.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus told grieving relatives of the fishermen who stormed the Department of Foreign Affairs last week.

"Kung hindi bibigyan ng lunas ng Malaysian government ang sulatnang ito, maaaring magkaroon ng malubhang problema," Manglapus did not elaborate on what the problem would be.

One of the fishermen Roberto Vujan, 23, has died of anxiety. Asked why no effort has been exerted to force the release of the Filipinos, Manglapus said the Malaysian government did not want to interfere in their judicial processes.

But the Malaysian govern-

ment has vowed to interfere if the court decides against the Filipinos in the appeal against the acquittal.

Manglapus added that the Malaysian government seemed to have reneged on their promise.

"What I understood after the trial, the Malaysian government would respond favourably with our request but what happened was the reverse. They have filed an appeal with the Higher Court," Manglapus said.

In a diplomatic note last week, Philippine Ambassador to Malaysia Pablo Suarez asked Kuala Lumpur to release the fishermen's three vessels and withdraw the case.

"If only for purely humanitarian consideration, the Malaysian government should withdraw its appeal and the vessels and the crew be allowed to return to the Philippines," Suarez said.

Randy Santiago: under scrutiny

By Nestor V. Torre

Q. SOME people accuse Randy of "setting a bad example for young people" with his hit song, Babero.

A. "How can that be?" Randy retorts. "The song's lyrics say the opposite, that my girlfriend is accusing me of being a babero, but it's not true, she's the only one I love!"

Q. What about his signature ponytail-with-ribbon, was the gimmick arrived at accidentally, or was it planned?

A. "We planned it! Kasi, sabi nina, pare-pareho na yung itura mo sa mga magazine cover. But I'm using this look only for the Babero project and one concert. The next record I promote, iba naman ang look na pag-iisipan namin. Is the look effective? Yeah! A lot of baberos now tie their hair, it's become their status symbol!"

Q. When will Randy realise his ambition to become a movie director?

A. "I don't know, but this next film of ours, I'll probably also be assisting my dad with Rowell. I've always wanted to do a musical na about ng Babero, pero gusto rin ng A-B. When I direct my first film, yeah, it could be a musical with action and comedy. But I wouldn't star in it."

Q. What makes Randy think he'll become a good director? What, to him, are the qualities of a good director?

A. Yung marunong mag-adjust to the situation, since limited talaga tay sa production support dito sa Pilipinas. And motivation — you have to know how to motivate your stars. And camerawork. Mhilig ako sa extreme close-up shots. I took up some filmmaking subjects at La Salle."

Q. How does he evaluate himself as a film actor?



In acting, comedy is obviously Randy Santiago's forte.

A. "Ako, pag drama, niner-biyos ako! Kasi, natatawa ako. I find it easy to do yung drama yung salita, pero comedy ang dating. But real drama is work for me! How to improve that? — I don't know!"

"A drama project where I play a bulagis OK with me. Yung love story na drama ang dating, pero wala ng sigawan (I hate shouting and angry scenes, even in real life. When that happens, I just leave the scene and cool off somewhere else.)"

Q. If Randy is so emotionally disciplined, how does he release his negative emotions?

A. "I sometimes go out drink-

Q. How does Randy rate himself as a TV host?

A. "TV hosting is a difficult job. I had a problem before. Because of the different audiences, I was supposed to talk Tagalog in the pang-masa Lunch Date, and pang-A-B English in Shades. Pero, as a TV host, kailangan mong maging natural. So, I decided to talk the way I really talk. As a result, I was accused of not knowing how to speak English! I could have pointed out that I studied at La Salle, etc., pero quiet na lang."

"I really enjoy working on Lunch Date. But it's C-D show, so sometimes, kailangang medyo padaplis na green ng konti ang jokes. You wanna go C-D, you have to talk to the canto boys also."

"I love the show. Kaya, kahit pagod na pagod ako, I appear on it. Obligasyon yon, at napamahal na sa akin. And, let's face it, it's the anchor of my career."

Q. Most people in showbiz learn to become tough to cope with the problems and pressures. Has Randy done the same?

A. "Not yet. I'm still sensitive, and I still get hurt. It's not in my character to be hardened. All I can do is be myself. That's where my friends come in. When problems come, they support me. They also tell me off when I'm wrong. My dad tells me to be more serious (akala nina, hindi ako serious). Especially Rowell, who directs some of my shows... nag-away kami, hindi ka seryoso, he says, tawa ka nang tawa!"

Q. Does Randy see himself making a significant contribution to show business, apart from being a good entertainer?

A. "It's politics, not now, I'm not into politics in the first place. But we do have special projects with the fan clubs. In December, there are projects for the poor."

BUSINESS & FINANCE

'Economy is strong, but strong for the right reasons'

Market suffers from inflation fears

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (AP) As they have demonstrated anew in the past few days, Wall Street investors are a tough group to please on the subject of inflation.

In the bond market, especially, inflation is public enemy No. 1 because it erodes the value of money invested in long-term assets with fixed face values.

And when the bond market suffers from inflation fears, so usually does the stock market.

Increase
But what happens when the Federal Reserve and other central banks in leading industrialised countries take a militant stance against inflation, and back up their words with action? If you take Tuesday's increase

in the discount rate by the Fed as a case in point, the markets react with dismay.

One prominent concern is that in their zeal to keep inflation in check, policy-makers will tighten credit enough to cause a recession at some point down the road.

Reaction
But some optimistic forecasters don't buy that argument. They contend that a modest pinch now by the Fed could forestall the necessity for a crunch later.

Statistics reported to date suggest that inflation in this country is creeping up, but not accelerating rapidly.

There was some uneasy reaction in the markets on Friday

when the government reported that the producer price index rose 0.5 percent in July—0.6 percent if you exclude food and energy prices, which are prone to erratic short-term fluctuations that don't indicate any lasting trends.

The big worry on the Street these days is that the robust pace of economic activity will quicken the pace of prices as it strains labour and production capacity. However, some analysts contend that these fears are unjustified.

"The economy is strong, but strong for the right reasons," maintains Michael Sherman at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. "The inflation picture itself is

still not a problem despite all the rhetoric.

"We think that inflation must be watched, but we do not see reasons for higher interest rates at this time, and we believe there may emerge forces that could bring long rates (e.g., on bonds) down from present levels."

As Edward Yardeni at Prudential-Bache Securities put it: "Growth is good. That's our motto."

Help
"We're trying to recruit as many people as possible to repeat it 10 times each morning, so that it might become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Frankly, we need all the help we can get because the 'growth is bad' camp has many

more believers." Yardeni and the other optimists got little help from the stock market in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 81.61 points to 2,037.52.

Response
The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 4.54 to 148.55; the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market lost 8.76 to 378.95, and the American stock exchange market value index was down 8.47 at 296.48.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 180.08 million shares a day, against 155.81 million the week before.

Actually, some analysts point out, the response on the Street to tighter credit hasn't been entirely negative.

While all interest rates have been moving up lately, they point out, long-term rates have not risen as fast as short-term rates. That suggests to some observers that the Fed's anti-inflation efforts might be successful, and beneficial to the financial markets over time.

"We're impressed with the macho approach of the central bankers," said Yardeni.

"We expect that the aggressive actions of the central bankers will increase the chances that our sustainable-growth and stable-inflation scenario will prevail."

Return of stability will send recovery into full-swing

THE economies of the Arabian Gulf states, particularly Kuwait, stand to greatly benefit from the peaceful end of the Iran-Iraq war, a prominent Kuwait economist said yesterday.

Dr Ibrahim Makki, director-general of the Public Ports Authority in Kuwait said in an interview that the return of stability and normalcy to the Gulf region will send the economic recovery into full-swing in the littoral states.

He pointed out that war reconstruction in both Iran and Iraq will boost imports through neighbouring states, particularly in Kuwait, which enjoys a strategic location at the northern tip of the Gulf.

Role
Dr Makki said economic forecasts show that Kuwait will play a major role in transit and re-export trade once peace is achieved.

According to the expert, a second major factor in the post-war trade boom in Kuwait is its nominal fees on re-export goods compared to neighbouring countries which levy high tariffs on re-exports.

Dr Makki said merchants in neighbouring countries would only see a marginal price difference between imports from Kuwait and original export markets, a factor that encourages them to deal with Kuwait due to its proximity.

The idea of establishing a free trade zone in Kuwait was proposed long ago, Dr Makki said. The idea was thoroughly studied by a number of government ministries and departments. The economic recession in Kuwait and the rest of the Gulf region prevented officials from taking any steps to implement the idea, at the time, he said.

Suitable

However, establishment of such a zone is possible if conditions become suitable, he said. There are enough stores in Shuwaikh port to accommodate a free trade zone, Dr Makki said. Officials of the GCC ports meet annually to discuss co-operation among themselves, but a boost in economic conditions in the region would make more co-ordination among the ports necessary, Dr Makki said.

However, the economist did not rule out the possibility of competition between the ports.

The Shuwaikh and Shuaiba ports have a capacity of more than 12 million tons a year, he said.

The Public Ports Authority now runs the Shuwaikh, Shuaiba and Doha ports.

Seminar to discuss role of free zones

DAMMAM, Aug 13, (OPECNA) The Islamic Development Bank will organise a seminar in Dubai next month on the role of free zones in encouraging investments.

The two-day seminar, opening on Sept 19, will discuss working papers on various aspects of free zones in Arab countries. The Arab establishment for investment guarantees will present a paper on experiences in Arab free zones, including their legal and administrative organisations and incentives for investors.

Role

The General Secretariat of the Gulf Chamber of Commerce and Industry will submit a paper on the role of free zones in the establishment of joint ventures. The paper will focus on the concept and targets of free zones in economic and social development, including factors leading to their success.

Retail sales should continue to grow: economists

Higher rates make US investments more attractive

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (UPI) Key interest rates were raised twice this week, ending all remaining doubts about tighter money to come, and a government forecast said the nation's drought-damaged grain harvest will be 31 per cent below last year's.

The Commerce Department said retail sales climbed 0.5 per cent in July, the third consecutive monthly increase. The rise was \$632 million to a seasonally adjusted \$134 billion.

So far this year, retail sales are 6.5 per cent above last year's.

The sales increase for July was led by a 1.9 per cent rise in automobile sales, the highest monthly gain since February.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater hailed the report as "good news" and an indication of a "steadily growing economy."

Economists said retail sales should continue to grow through the third quarter because of strong growth of jobs but they warned consumer spending will drop sooner or later because of higher interest rates.

Merrill Lynch economist Bruce Steinberg commented, "A large group of people are about to experience a squeeze on their cash flow and as we move into the last part of the year that should affect consumer spending."

The first move this week in the direction of higher interest rates

came on Tuesday when the Federal Reserve Board boosted its discount rate to 6.5 per cent from 6 per cent, sending out a clear signal that although this was a presidential election year, the fight against inflation is the Fed's top priority.

The move came despite the steady climb in the value of the dollar on foreign exchange markets in recent weeks. Usually higher rates work for a stronger dollar because they make US investments more attractive to foreign buyers.

Concern
There has been growing concern both in the United States and among America's key trading partners over the stronger dollar because of its obvious implications for international trade.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg made this concern official on Thursday after the dollar hit the level of 1.92 West German marks, the highest since January 1986.

Stoltenberg said a further rise in the value of the dollar was not desirable because it would force higher interest rates in West Germany, make dollar imports more expensive, aggravate inflationary pressures and undermine international efforts to balance trade.

The second decision to raise rates came Thursday when major American banks led by Chase

Manhattan boosted the key prime lending rate to 10 per cent from 9.5 per cent.

It was the second hike of the prime rate in less than a month and put the important indicator at the highest level since June 1985 although still far below the peak of 13 per cent in the beginning of 1984.

The last previous hike, from 9 per cent to 9.5 per cent, was July 14.

The latest increase is expected to affect the pocketbooks of the growing number of Americans whose borrowing is tied up in variable-rate loans on which interest rates are adjusted to the market.

The variable rate loans have mushroomed in recent years as banks began to protect themselves by passing interest rate fluctuations on to the customers. Some 60 per cent of new home mortgages and 95 per cent of home equity loans are believed to be of the variable-rate kind.

Home mortgages are usually tied to interest rates paid on six-month and one-year Treasury bills, home equity loans to the banks' prime lending rate.

Costlier loans leave consumers less money to spend on other things but higher interest rates also mean higher yields on savings, although many people question the linkage because the interest is taxable.

And many more Americans

are believed to be borrowers than savers.

In the gloomiest assessment to date of the effects of the prolonged drought on the US grain harvest, the Agriculture Department estimated it Thursday at 192 metric tons, 31 per cent below last year's and the smallest since 1970.

Compensation

The estimated loss in corn alone was \$7.4 billion, in soybeans \$3.7 billion, more billions of dollars in sorghum, wheat, oats, barley, vegetables and fruit, and Wilson said the latest estimates could raise the cost of farmer compensation legislation that became law Thursday.

The USDA estimated the cost last week at \$3.9 billion but later estimates by the congressional budget office put the figure at \$5.1 billion.

The increasing losses resulted in an upward revision of 1989 estimates of food price inflation to increase by 3 per cent to 5 per cent, others predict even higher prices.

The effects of the drought have been mitigated by the fact that there are enough stocks on hand to take care of the needs of the United States, its food exports

and food aid programmes. But Wilson warned a second year of drought would be catastrophic.

The government reported yesterday that wholesale prices of food and energy held their own in July but higher costs for other consumer products sent overall wholesale prices up 0.5 per cent.

Shoot up

Food prices, expected to shoot up because of the worst drought in 50 years, blasted farm prices, rose 0.4 per cent in July, far less than the 0.9 per cent and 1.1 per cent advances in May and June.

Pork prices were down 10 per cent and beef was also down, as some drought-stricken farmers sent their stock to slaughter early rather than pay the high cost of feed.

But costs of such consumer goods as tobacco, drug store items, clothes and footwear rose substantially.

So far this year wholesale prices have risen an annualised 3.9 per cent. The Producer Price Index is closely watched by economists and Wall Street investors for a warning of inflationary trends.

For the last few months, prices of raw materials have increased much faster than those of finished goods and economists have said that would translate eventually to significant price hikes for consumers.

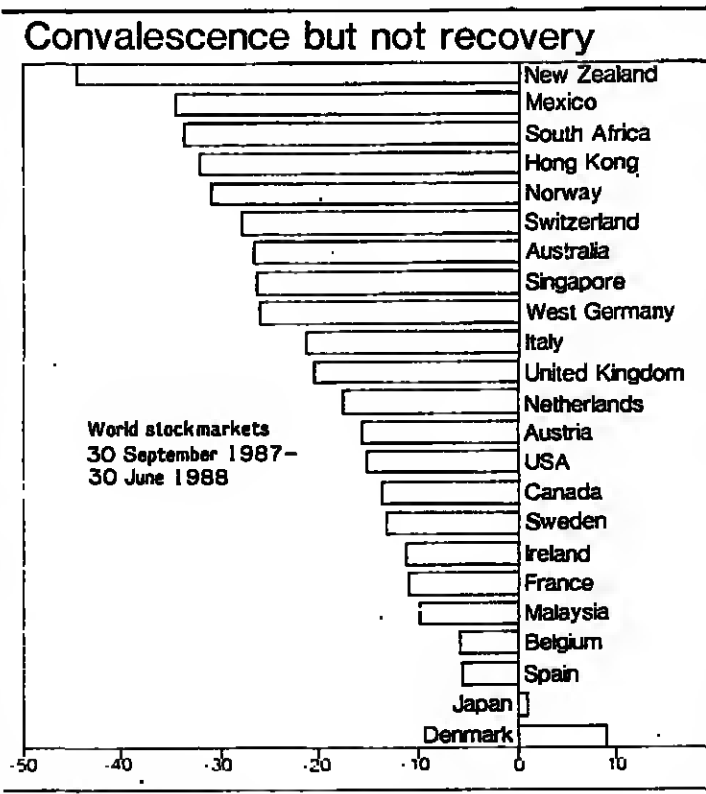
Exchanges undergoing structural changes

THE prevailing view among the stock exchanges of the world seems to be that the October crash originated somewhere else, that it won't happen again, and that therefore there is little point in making major changes just because it took place. Such are the findings of the first international post-mortem of the worst crash in the history of global stock markets.

The International (formerly London) Stock Exchange was commissioned by the Federation Internationale des Bourses de Valeur, the international association of stock exchanges, to conduct a survey of 25 member exchanges concerning the impact of the crash on each exchange and how each has responded to it. The laid back attitude that underlies responses from most of the exchanges in one of the most curious features of the report.

Implications
According to the report, which appears in the latest issue of the Quality of Markets Quarterly, only the New York, London, and Paris exchanges thought the implications of the crash for their markets were serious enough to warrant extensive analysis. (The report seems to have forgotten about the investigation carried out into the operation of the Hong Kong market, which shut down for four days during the crash.)

In partial mitigation of this apparent complacency, not to



say apathy, the report does point out that many exchanges are already undergoing "significant structural changes in response to the longer term forces of competition and globalisation."

The tendency to say "The crash wasn't our fault" — a ten-

dency that one assumes does not extend to New York — is predictable enough, though hardly illuminating. But confidence that it won't happen again seems strange, particularly in view of the fact that many exchanges see the "internationalisation" of the

securities industry as one factor contributing to the unprecedented speed of the fall.

The survey provides evidence, if any more were needed, to show that markets around the world did chase each other down, significant price movements between the close and open were a common feature of market behaviour during the crash period.

Internationalisation, as the report points out, is here to stay, and this, combined with the effects of ever faster information flows between exchanges, suggests that very sharp movements, rather than long drawn out ones, will be the way "significant readjustments" are made in the future.

Stock exchanges may not warm to this prospect but they will have to face it and, one hopes, restructure their markets to cope with it.

The report also looked at the recovery of markets since the crash. British investors will not be cheered to learn that of the 23 exchanges for which post crash figures were provided London ranked thirteenth, down about 20 per cent at the end of June 1988 from the end of September the year before. The fact that others fared worse (some much worse) is hardly a comfort.

The only two exchanges doing better than before the crash are Japan, up about 2 per cent, and Denmark, a real dark horse, up 9 per cent.

Depressed oil prices hit Shell

LONDON, Aug 13, (Reuters) Depressed crude prices in the first half of 1988 cut into results from oil giants Royal Dutch/Shell group and British Petroleum, the companies said yesterday.

Anglo-Dutch/Royal Dutch/Shell said second quarter historic net income — calculated by valuing oil stocks on the basis of what they cost to acquire — dropped to £633 million (\$1.07 billion) from £656 million (£1.11 billion). This was sharply lower than industry analysts had forecast.

British Petroleum PLC (BP) reported second quarter historic cost oil profits of £357 million (\$606 million) against £317 million (\$538 million) in the same period last year.

Profits
But half year profits fell to £620 million (\$1.05 billion) against £775 million (\$1.31 billion) in the first half of 1987. Shell said the outlook for oil and gas prices for the rest of 1988 remained volatile and dependent on events in the Gulf.

The new results put Shell's half-year historic cost net income at £1.46 billion (\$2.48 billion) against £1.35 billion (£2.29 billion) in the same period of last year.

The market had expected second quarter results of between £650 and £850 million (\$1.1 and 1.44 billion) and the share price of British-based Shell Transport and Trading to late afternoon in London was 32 pence (54 cents) down at £10.23 (\$17.29).

Oil and gas exploration and production earnings were particularly hard hit by the drop in crude prices and lower gas sales. These earnings were virtually halved in the second quarter to £194 million (\$329 million) from £385 million (\$654 million) in second quarter 1987.

Sterling's strength against the dollar also adversely affected results, the company said.

But these shortfalls were bolstered by improved profits from refining, marketing and chemicals sectors, Shell said.

Earnings on a basis of current replacement cost of stocks, which excludes inventory holding gains and losses, rose five per cent to £657 million (\$1.11 billion).

World Business Summary

Saudi industrial cities continue strong growth

RIYADH, Aug 13, (OPECNA) Saudi Arabia's industrial cities, Jubail and Yanbu, continued to make great strides in 1987, recording many achievements. The annual report of the cities' royal commission pointed out that together, Jubail and Yanbu currently boasts 113 separate industries, 23 of which were described as "major" concerns. Quoted by the Jeddah-based 'Arab News', the report said that at Jubail, the Saudi Lube Company began production in 1987 with a capacity of one million BPD annually of lubricants, oils and greases. The National Chemical Company, with a capacity of 500,000 tons of ammonia annually, was also commissioned during the year. Four additional units are scheduled to produce 800,000 tons of fertiliser each year.

The report said that the Saudi Iron and Steel Company installed a scrap shredder capable of producing 500 tons per day of high-quality steel and other metals from disused cars and appliances. In addition, the Saudi Urethane Chemical Company commenced production at the end of 1987. A total of 64 units are now operational at Jubail's light industry estate, said the report. Major accomplishments during the year at Yanbu, added the report, included the completion of the Human Resources Development Institute, progress as the new medical centre and construction work in a flood control channel. Work also began on a 100,000 tons per year Lube oil blending plant while light industry factories under construction include units for food products and corn oil and a pipe-coating plant. The report pointed out that a 4.7 per cent increase in the city's population was registered in 1987 over the previous year.

Venezuela to seek accord with US for access to oil market

CARACAS, Venezuela, Aug 13, (AP) OPEC member Venezuela hopes to reach an accord with the United States to gain preferential access to the US petroleum market, its energy minister said. A Venezuelan effort to reach a "special regime of access" to the US oil market would be part of a policy designed to consolidate other Venezuelan markets in the western hemisphere. Energy and Mines Minister Julio Cesar Gil said in an interview published on Friday in El Nacional newspaper. Gil's statements were his first official remarks on Venezuelan oil policy since replacing former Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti this week. He referred to the "hemispheric treaty" plank of the US Democratic Party platform, which he defined as "a special regime of access to the US market for crude and products from the hemisphere," as a "proposal which should be adopted." "On the bilateral plane, I think we must consolidate our principal markets... with the US we have a commercial market that has grown... we must consolidate it by invoking reasons that are not strictly commercial," Gil said. "Venezuela should not be excluded from any arrangements made (by the US) with Canada and Mexico," he said.

"Within OPEC we will continue our traditional vocation of seeking dialogue and mediation to take advantage of what I feel is an auspicious outlook," he said. Gil said earlier this week the OPEC should seek a production quota system which would consolidate the perception of greater oil market stability that arose following the announced ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

Banks raise lending rates

HONG KONG, Aug 13, (AP) Leading banks announced today their prime lending rate will go from 9 per cent to 9.5 per cent, while interest paid on savings accounts and deposits also will rise 0.5 percentage points, effective on Monday. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, the British colony's two note-issuing banks, announced the change in the prime lending rate, and the Hong Kong Association of Banks, which represents all other commercial banks, disclosed the deposit rate switch. Hong Kong banks last changed the prime rate on July 25, when it went from 8.5 per cent to 9 per cent. Paul Lowndes, secretary of the Bank Association, said the rates were raised in response to higher Hong Kong dollar interbank rates and firmer rates from the US dollar in London. US dollar rates have a direct effect locally because the Hong Kong dollar is linked to the greenback.

Plan to step up oil exploration

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13, (Reuters) Malaysia announced on Thursday it would step up oil exploration through contracts with foreign companies. "We expect to sign another two or three production sharing contracts up to the end of this year and perhaps a few more in 1989," said Azizah Zainal Abidin, the president of Malaysia's state-owned oil agency Petronas. Azizah spoke after signing a production-sharing agreement with a consortium of Canadian and US oil companies to explore a Malaysian offshore area at a cost of 75.5 million ringgit (\$29 million). Malaysia has a total oil prospecting area of 500,000 sq. km (193,000 sq. miles), he said. Of this around 46 per cent has been awarded under production-sharing contracts or committed under letters of intent for exploration. Malaysia plans average crude production of 540,000 barrels per day in 1988, up from last year's average of 500,000 BPD.

Traders fired for insider trading

LONDON, Aug 13, (AP) The securities arm of National Westminster Bank, PLC, County NatWest Woodmax Ltd., yesterday confirmed that it fired two equity market makers for alleged insider trading. County NatWest said that, as one of three stockbrokers of Grand Metropolitan PLC, it was informed on Monday that the British hotel, liquor and leisure company was about to announce its intention to sell the Inter-Continental Hotel chain after several parties had shown an interest. County NatWest said that "through a breach of internal procedures, which did not involve (the) corporate finance department, this information reached two market makers." The two market makers, which the company identified as Russell Kean and Stephen Floyd, dealt in Grand Metropolitan shares even though they had been informed that they could not because they were "in receipt of privileged information," the company said. Kean traded £2 million (\$3.4 million) worth of Grand Metropolitan shares, it said. The two men were fired on Wednesday after London's Stock Exchange detected what they regarded as suspicious trading and traced it back to County NatWest. Kean's lawyers said Kean made no personal profit through the share dealings connected with his dismissal.

Long-term bank loans suspended

WASHINGTON, Aug 13, (AP) The US government's Export-Import Bank, which makes loans to promote foreign sales of American goods, announced yesterday that it is suspending new long-term loans until at least Oct 1. Long-term loans are those that take more than seven years to repay. The bank will continue to take applications for shorter-term loans and to process the long-term ones already under consideration. The suspension puts US exporters at a disadvantage in competition with Japan, France and other countries, which have active government programmes to make such loans. For the year ending Sept 30, the US bank has authority to lend \$692.9 million. "US export sales are increasing and so is the demand for Eximbank's loans that enable US exporters to counter subsidised foreign competition," bank President John Bohn Jr. said in a statement. "The \$666 million in approved loans is well above the total of \$430 million at this time last year." Anne Frye, a press officer for the bank, said it is still able to issue guarantees for loans by private banks since it is within the legal limit of \$14.6 billion — much larger than its authorisation for direct loans. It also will continue issuing insurance on private bank loans. Whether it will have more money for its own loans on Oct 1 will depend on the Senate and House of Representatives reaching agreement before then on an amount for the following 12 months. The House has proposed \$690 million, the Senate \$705 million.

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Alshall stock price indices

Trade volume surges in active market

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 45.18 points with an increase of 0.97 point over last week's average.

Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.89 points with an increase of 0.08 point for the same period.

The trade volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 120.55 million shares at a daily average of 24.10 million shares with an increase of 23 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 19.63 million shares.

Gulf traded shares reached 35.23 million shares at a daily average of 7.05 million shares with an increase of 1.4 per cent over last week's daily average of 6.95 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD 53.483 million at a daily average of KD 10.70 million, an increase of 37 per cent over last week's daily average of KD 7.82 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD 2.947 million at a daily average of KD 0.589 million, a decrease of 15.5 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.697 million.

The Kuwaiti market was active this week during which the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced that the ceasefire would begin on Aug 20 and would start direct peace talks on Aug 25.

For Kuwaiti shares the banking sector had the lead at 72.4 per cent of total traded volume of which active trading covered only five banks of the eight banks in the market.

The Commercial Bank lead trading at 22 per cent followed by Burgan Bank 20 per cent and Kuwait National Bank 19 per cent. The services sector although declined came second at 11.5 per cent, of which Kuwait Commercial Market Co. had the lead at 62 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 28 per cent and Public Warehousing Co. at 7 per cent.

Third came the Real Estate Sector at 8 per cent of total trading volume, with United Realty in the lead at 50 per cent, followed by Kuwait Real Estate at 34 per cent and National Real Estate at 8 per cent.

As for the Gulf shares market, the financial sector resumed its lead at 75.5 per cent of total traded shares, while Coast Investment and Development Company had the lead with 65 per cent of the total Gulf shares market, followed by Fujaira Cement at 17 per cent and Ras Al Khaima White Cement at 7 per cent.

As we have repeatedly pointed out that any created temporary upturn in prices would not last long limiting the Stock Exchange for the sake of speculation in secondary issues may hurt the country, the Stock Exchange and the participants gradually.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

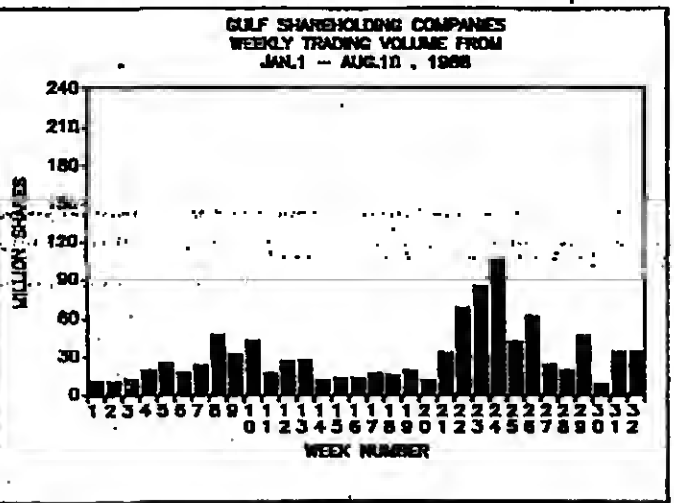
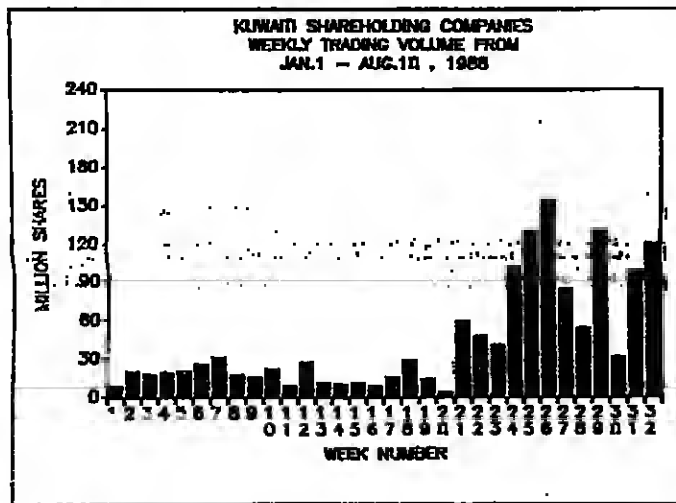
	Wednesday 10/08/88	Wednesday 03/08/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	113.63	111.60	2.03
The Gulf Bank	37.70	36.05	1.65
The Commercial Bank	30.48	28.31	2.17
Al Ahli Bank	40.37	39.41	0.96
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	35.96	35.08	0.88
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	35.32	36.11	-0.79
Burgan Bank	34.19	32.21	1.98
Kuwait Finance House	83.15	80.12	3.02
Sector Index	52.11	50.58	1.54
Investment Sector			

Kuwait Investment Co.	33.79	33.42	0.37
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	30.58	29.55	1.03
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	90.48	88.89	1.59
IFA	75.00	75.00	—
Commercial Facilities	122.50	122.50	—
Sector Index	43.87	43.32	0.55
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.23	40.77	-0.54
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	27.69	0.77
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	53.05	52.16	0.88
Warba Insurance Co.	79.04	79.04	—
Sector Index	41.32	41.26	0.06
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	31.86	30.33	1.53
United Realty	12.96	12.73	0.22
National Real Estate	43.40	43.00	0.40
Sector Index	22.93	22.31	0.63
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	90.04	90.04	—
Gulf Cables	110.04	110.04	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	97.78	100.45	-2.67
Sector Index	36.19	36.32	-0.12
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	198.72	200.88	-2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	90.91	89.90	1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	39.95	40.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	390.48	390.48	—
Sector Index	71.59	71.51	0.07
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	47.60	46.79	-0.81
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	82.14	85.81	-3.67
Kuwait Food Co.	70.11	71.26	-1.15
Sector Index	42.58	42.88	-0.30
Overall Index	45.18	44.21	0.97

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 10/08/88	Wednesday 03/08/88	Change points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	95.17	93.79	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	89.22	—
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	110.48	110.48	—
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	61.85	61.85	—
Arabian Bank Inv. (SHUAA)	54.55	54.55	—
Sector Index	65.80	65.63	0.16
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujaira Cement	10.53	11.84	-1.32
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	26.67	26.11	0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
Sector Index	16.53	16.82	-0.29
Overall Index	48.88	48.80	0.08

Base Period 31/12/1983.



Bright forecast for stock market

'Joint loans' proposed for Iraq, Iran

By Abdul Karim Kazem

KUWAIT'S economic and financial establishments will have the lion's share of reconstruction and development work in both Iraq and Iran, after peace is achieved, according to the chairman and managing director of Burgan Bank Sheikh Ahmad Abdulla Al Ahmad.

The banker drew an optimistic picture of the future of Kuwait's economy in general and the banking industry in particular.

Liquidity
He said that the reconstruction process in both Iraq and Iran will make the superpowers put pressure on industrialised countries enjoying surplus to contribute to amending the ravages of the war.

Sheikh Ahmad emphasised that Iraq and Iran will require



Sheikh Ahmad Abdulla Al Ahmad

what he called "joint loans" because of the huge amount involved, and to spread the risk of such loans among various partners.

The availability of liquidity

surplus will enable banks to jointly contribute and manage loans to the two countries, he said. Further, the surplus will contribute towards providing trust facilities to the trade and contracting sectors.

The chairman also predicted an upward trend in the trading of shares and their prices at the Kuwait Stock Market.

Vital
This will be accompanied by reinvestment of returns on traditional or new activities, he said. He refused to stipulate the expected increase in the price of shares, but added that it would be a reflection of the policy adopted by the Central Bank in trying to prevent any inflationary trends.

The nearest country to the tension area in the Gulf, Kuwait will find itself capable of directing a big part of its revenues to

development projects rather than curbing risks of war, Sheikh Ahmad said.

This scenario, will be a vital factor in Kuwait's economy, as the government's expenditures have always played a vital role in development, the chairman added.

He said that an increase in government expenditures will automatically mean a great boost to the local economy. He said that the transit trade formed an important part of Kuwait's economy prior to the war. Now that the war is near an end, Kuwait is poised to facilitate the passage of products to both countries, Sheikh Ahmad said.

Kuwaiti establishments in the contracting field were and still are qualified to play an important role in the reconstruction and development of both Iraq and Iran, he said.

'Reagan ignores US energy needs'

WASHINGTON, Aug 13. (Reuters) The Reagan administration's emphasis on developing remote and expensive oil reserves in wilderness and in offshore areas has weakened US energy security, according to a study released today by the Sierra Club.

The environmental group said the administration's policy threatened vital natural resources and sensitive coastal regions and benefitted only the major oil companies.

Headway

Warren Liebold, chairman of the club's energy committee, said in a statement.

"The United States made real headway in energy efficiency following the oil crisis of the 1970s. President Reagan's programmes, on the other hand, have given back our economic victory over OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries)."

The report, titled 'Waste Energy: a report on the Reagan administration's energy programme', said the administration had promoted drilling for oil offshore California and in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. This has been fought by environmentalists, and in the case of California, by the tourism and fishing industries.

It said instead of trying to find new sources of oil, which is a limited supply of energy, the government should promote energy efficiency and develop renewable resources.

Indonesia to stop coal import for Surulaya plant

JAKARTA, Aug 13. (OPECNA) Indonesia will next year stop importing coal to meet the needs of the Surulaya power station in West Java as new coal mining ventures in Kalimantan and Sumatra are to begin production.

According to Achmad Priyono, president of Tambang Batubara, the state coal company, contractors in Kalimantan and Sumatra will be capable by then of covering the 4.40 million tons of coal a year needed by the Surulaya plant.

Two of the four units of the station, now producing, were consuming 2.20 million tons of coal annually, he said.

Need

To cover the plant's need, about 700,000 tons of coal would be imported this year, down from the 1987 level of one million tons, he added.

He said that Indonesia's coal production for this year would reach four million tons, while the output for 1989 has been set at 4.50 million tons.

Despite increasing need, Indonesia is exporting some of its coal production as part of a strategy to maintain a foothold on overseas markets.

Export will reach about 500,000 tons this year against 760,000 tons in 1987.

Reliance clarification

BOMBAY, August 13: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has clarified that the Reliance Petrochemical Limited's fully convertible debentures offered on a preferential basis can be freely traded by all individual shareholders, according to a press release.

The restriction imposed by the Controller of Capital Issues on non-transferability for a period of three years applies only to body corporate shareholders of RIL.

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Oil prices will jump if OPEC meets to discuss how to strengthen the market

TOKYO, Aug 13. (Reuters) Crude oil prices will jump if OPEC meets to discuss how to strengthen the market, but in the longer term prices will remain weak because the organisation cannot rein in over-production, analysts said yesterday.

Prices rose 10 cents on Wednesday on news that Subroto, secretary-general of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the possibility of an emergency meeting because of market instability had not been ruled out.

Despite a series of OPEC meetings already this year aimed at finding ways to reduce the amount of oil in the market and shore up world prices, OPEC's output has risen steadily.

The price of oil on the freely-traded market continues to languish about four dollars below OPEC's \$18-a-barrel target.

Surged

Output has surged by nearly two million barrels per day (BPD) since March, when low prices caused by a world oil glut prompted OPEC ministers to call the year's first price meeting in early April.

"And rather than defend the \$18 target, the producers have effectively entered a price war to maintain their share of the glutted market," one oil analyst said.

But oil traders still obstinately mark up prices ahead of any gathering of the OPEC oil ministers in anticipation that talks will result in production cuts," he said.

Analysis question why most traders insist on reacting so bullishly to the possibility of OPEC talks, when dashed hopes and weak fundamentals have repeatedly brought prices plummeting down after the meetings end.

The organisation amazed the market in May by failing to respond to an unprecedented offer from six non-OPEC to support the group's efforts to revive flagging oil prices, the analysts said.

Since that time, OPEC oil output has continued to rise. A Reuters survey estimated total

OPEC production at nearly 19 million BPD in July, up from 18.3 million in May.

Production is anticipated to climb even higher this month, mainly as a result of surging output from Kuwait. Kuwait's output was around 1.6 million BPD in the first 10 days of August, sharply up on its OPEC quota of one million, oil industry sources in the Gulf said.

And an end to the Gulf war could see rising output from Iran and Iraq, which will be under pressure to increase their revenues to pay off debts accumulated over eight years of war.

But the oil market has interpreted peace in the Gulf as bullish news.

"Since Iran and Iraq agreed on a ceasefire, the market expects OPEC will suddenly become a unified group with one aim — to achieve a high oil price," said one analyst.

However, he said the 13 members of the organisation still have many differences to tackle.

Iran, a traditional OPEC price hawk which has long favoured a price hike to around \$26, needs as much revenue now to re-build its war-torn economy as it did to finance the war effort.

Moderate OPEC members, such as Saudi Arabia, believe high oil prices will encourage more use of alternative energy sources. They could also trigger more production in places such as the United States, which could recover oil from fields that are uneconomical at lower prices.

In addition, OPEC swept many problems under the carpet at previous meetings, the analysts said.

These include which liquid hydrocarbons should be defined as crude oil and so included in production quotas, a problem which has caused acrimony in OPEC, particularly between Venezuela and Kuwait.

The question of oil produced in the neutral zone between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, which is included in neither country's production quota, has also been neglected.

Underground Soviet economy involves billions of rubles

MOSCOW, Aug 13. (AP) A shadow economy that supplies everything the official one can't earn up to 90 billion rubles (\$140 billion) a year and probably has made thousands of Soviets millionaires, a report said yesterday.

Economist T.I. Koryagin told the labour newspaper Trud that the underground economy would continue to grow until rubles earned by average people become more than "paper that gives you the right to stand in line and be humiliated."

Many Soviets gladly pay more on the side for scarce goods or to have a repairman do better, faster work. Extra money, in turn, gives those who earn it a chance to pay more than state-set prices to others for the goods and services they want.

Moves

Mikhail S. Gorbachev's moves to legalise co-operatives and some individual labour have brought some people out of the shadows and into the official economy where they pay taxes, but many more remain outside, Ms. Koryagin said.

Services provided on the side, or "na levo," in Russian, account for about 14 billion-16 billion rubles (\$22-24 billion) a year, or about one quarter of the entire

amount Soviets pay annually, she said.

Fifteen or 20 years ago, the value of underground services was about 3 billion-5 billion rubles (\$4.8 billion-8 billion).

Ms. Koryagin said most underground payments are to workers for better housing and car repair, tailoring, and better attention at weddings and funerals. But Soviets also pay billions of rubles to rent private houses for their vacations and billions more for better medicines and attentive care in the free but indifferent clinics and hospitals.

Together with the underground trade in food and other goods, Ms. Koryagin estimated that the shadow economy accounts for 70 billion-90 billion rubles (\$110-145 billion) a year. In comparison, the entire Soviet state budget for this fiscal year is about 480 billion rubles (\$760 billion).

Deficit

"Our shadow economy is the result of the sharp deficit in the market. It fills the gap between the large demand and limited state supply," she said.

Ms. Koryagin disagreed with some Soviets who see the underground economy as merely ins-

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PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT

Elections augur hope for democracy



Zahid Saeed, Pakistan's ambassador to Kuwait.

THE forty-first anniversary of the independence of Pakistan is an occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the ideals for which Pakistan was created.

The third general elections under the Constitution of 1973 are scheduled for 16 November, 1988 and it is the ardent hope of the nation that democratic institutions will take root and flourish in accordance with the declared objective of the Father of the Nation, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, that Pakistan shall be a democratic state, based on the principles of Islamic social justice.

In the international sphere, Pakistan's special bonds of friendship with Muslim countries continue to grow. For a state that came into existence as a result of its compelling sense of Muslim nationhood it was only natural that it should have given its strong support to the liberation of Muslims under colonial subjugation and to have worked ardently for the promotion of Islamic unity and solidarity. Pakistan has consistently championed the right of the Palestinians to self-determination under the leadership of their sole representative the Palestine Liberation Organisation and shall continue to do so in the future.

Pakistan has also assiduously pursued good relations with all the Gulf countries, making this effort a cornerstone of her foreign policy. Geopolitical compulsions, a commonality of religious and cultural heritage, converging perceptions of regional security and the need for economic collaboration are factors which underline mutuality of interests with the Gulf countries.

The traditionally close and friendly relations between Pakistan and the Arab states have assumed a special significance in recent years. The Gulf states have provided Pakistan generous grants and aid for its development and have assisted in the setting up of a number of industrial projects. Some of them, like Kuwait have also emerged as Pakistan's leading trading partners exporting oil and importing a large variety of consumer products.

Pakistani expatriate workers have contributed substantially to the development of the socio-economic infrastructure of the Gulf countries. They have also made an important contribution to Pakistan's economy through their remittances. Moreover, they have helped to create a considerable reservoir of goodwill for Pakistan in these countries.

Pakistan's geographical proximity to Kuwait and sharing of common faith, history and culture are factors binding the two countries together. The state visit of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait to Pakistan in September 1980 was his first official visit to any country after assumption of office. His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Sa'ad Al-Ahmed Al-Salem Al-Sabah, has also paid visits to Pakistan. These special relations are a matter of pride and satisfaction for the Government and people of Pakistan.

On this happy occasion, I would like to extend my felicitations to all Pakistanis living and working in Kuwait and thank the host Government of the brotherly State of Kuwait for giving them the opportunity to have a livelihood in this Islamic country.

Message of Zahid Saeed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait

A need to preserve faith, culture and historical tradition

Concepts behind the creation of Pakistan

By Latif Ahmed Sherwani

FROM about 3,000 B.C. until the end of the seventh century A.D., a number of alien peoples came to India but the indigenous way of life, in which the Hindu caste system plays an important role, absorbed all the foreign life-styles.

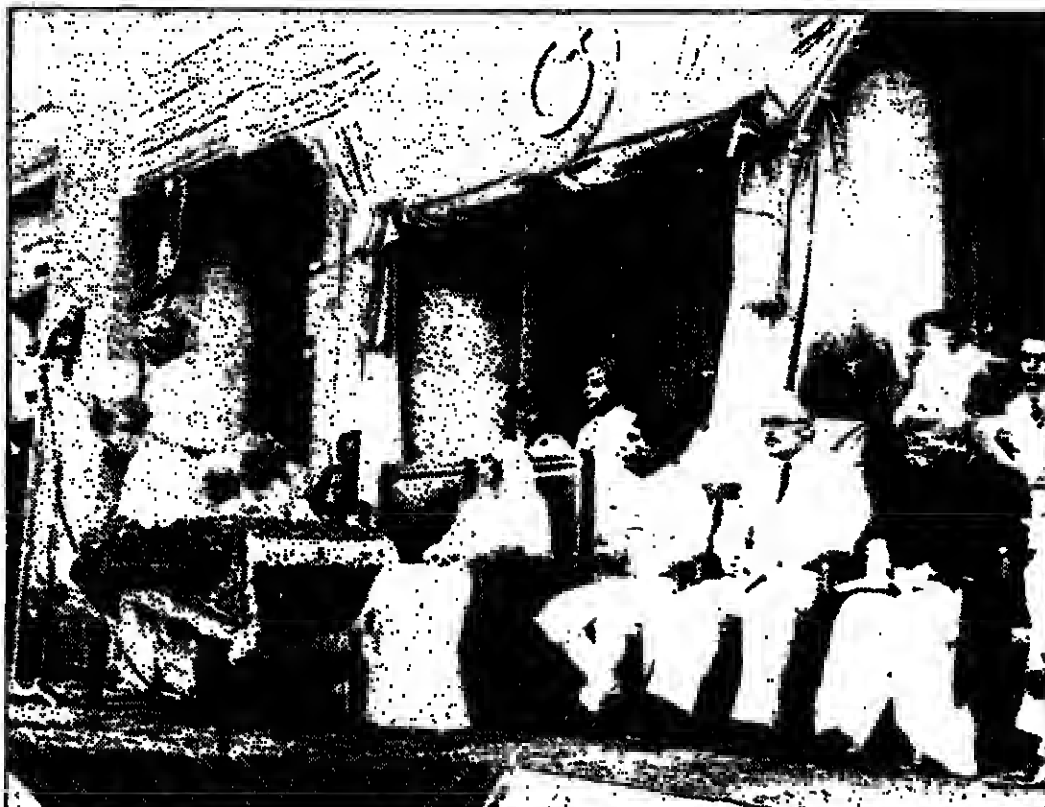
In the early years of the eighth century, however, when the Muslims from Arabia occupied Sind, the process of absorption came to an end. As a leading British historian Peter Hardy has put it, Islam "introduced into the heart of India a new and, in the event unassimilable interpretation of the meaning and end of life." This interpretation was based upon the belief in the supreme sovereignty of God, unity of mankind, and equality and brotherhood of all Muslims.

Since the Muslim way of life was so different from that of the Hindus, it has understandably always remained the major concern of the Indian Muslims to keep their identity distinct and not to let their way of life be merged in that of the Hindus.

To start with, in spite of the Muslims' numerical inferiority, this did not prove a difficult task. The Muslims were proud of and enthusiastic about their values and, by following them in their daily life, they were also able to demonstrate their superiority over those of the indigenous values. In the process, Islam gained a large number of followers from amongst the Indians. Significantly enough, these converts almost completely discarded their previous way of life.

Between the closing years of the tenth and twelfth centuries, when the Ghaznavides, followed by the Ghoriids, from Afghanistan, occupied substantial areas of India, it became very easy for the Indian Muslims to preserve and promote their way of life because they not only then possessed political power, their number had also greatly increased. The link with Afghanistan was broken in the early thirteenth century, when Muslim kings began to rule independently over large parts of the Subcontinent. They did not make any efforts to promote the cause of Islam but, with Muslim domination of the country, the Muslim way of life was bound to thrive.

The situation changed in 1707, when the rule of the great Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, who controlled almost the whole of the subcontinent, came to an end. His successors turned out to be very poor administrators. As a consequence, during the next 150 years, political power gradually slipped from the hands of the Muslims into those of the British.



The Quaid-i-Azam, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, reads the Independence Day address on 14th August, 1947.

ish, the Marathas and the Sikhs. All three powers tried to advance their own ways of life and suppress the Muslim way. To achieve this end, they used both persuasive and coercive methods.

Efforts
During this period, the educational and economic situation of the Muslims also suffered much damage and therefore, it became very difficult for them to preserve their way of life. True enough, some valiant efforts were made to reverse the situation. Shah Waliullah, who died in 1752, worked hard to impress upon the Muslims the need to shed the un-Islamic practices which they had adopted.

Some sixty five years later, Syed Ahmed Shaheed of Rai Bareilly started a regular war against the Sikhs who were oppressing the Muslims in different ways.

But these efforts failed to produce the results which the Muslims desired, for by 1856 the whole of the subcontinent came, either directly or indirectly, under the control of the British. In the following year erupted the so-called 'Indian Mutiny' and, in as much as the British thought that this was the last bid on the part of the Muslims to regain political power, they went out of their way to penalise the Muslims. Muslim position, economic as well as cultural, naturally suffered further damage.

In the post-mutiny period the British were understandably in favour of introducing in India their own political institution, under which, ultimately, power was bound to be trans-

ferred to the Hindu majority, leaving the Muslims completely at the mercy of the majority community.

The Urdu-Hindi controversy and the activities of an influential Hindu leader B.G. Tilak, convinced the Muslims that they could not expect justice and fair play from the Hindus. Anxious as the Muslims were to preserve their way of life, their leaders approached responsible non-Muslims for the recognition of the status of Muslims as a nation within a nation. And since the Hindus were not prepared to concede such a status, Muslim leaders turned to the British rulers. The British agreed, although reluctantly. But in 1916 the Muslims were fully satisfied when, largely through the efforts of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the two major parties of the country, the Congress and the Muslim League, signed the famous Lucknow Pact, under which, inter alia, the Muslim demand was conceded. Jinnah was then hailed as Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim unity.

Agitation
The Khilafat agitation introduced religion in the politics of India in a big way. The Muslims agitated for purely Islamic cause. The Hindus were persuaded to support the Muslim agitation for political reasons by Mahatma Gandhi who, on his own admission, was a very conservative and devoted Hindu.

Gandhi thought that if, as a result of the agitation, the British were also to make some political concessions in India, the major beneficiary would be the Hindu community. But the

agitation failed to produce any results. The developments which followed, left no doubt that the gulf between the two communities was very wide. Indeed, so wide it was that the Hindus repudiated the Lucknow Pact itself and most leaders decided that henceforth they should work only for the interest of their own communities.

Idea
In 1930, the post-philosopher of Islam, Allama Mohammad Iqbal put forward the idea of an autonomous Muslim state, as a solution of the com-

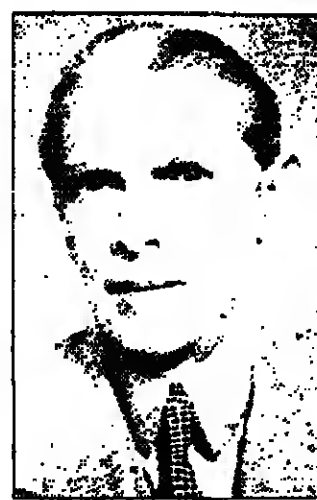
munal problem in India. He asked for the establishment of a large Indian Muslim state in the northwest of India with two objects in mind. One was to enable the Indian Muslims to lead their individual and collective lives according to the principles of Islam. The other stemmed from his belief that the "life of Islam as a cultural force in the country very largely depends on its concentration in a specified territory."

The introduction of provincial autonomy, which provided for the Western type majority rule, did not please the Muslims. The felt greatly shaken when Jawaharlal Nehru, president of the predominantly Hindu Congress (which had won the Assembly elections in about two-thirds of India), stated that there was no communal problem in India.

He also made special efforts to persuade the Muslims to join the Congress. He in fact wanted the different Indian communities to evolve a single way of life, which was bound to be dominated by Hinduism.

Such statements and plans directly clashed with the views of Iqbal who strongly believed that what "really matters is a man's faith, his culture, his historical tradition. These are the things which, in my eyes, are worth living for and dying for and not the piece of earth with which the spirit of man happens to be temporarily associated." Iqbal therefore urged upon Jinnah that without a separate state of their own, it would be impossible for the Muslims to keep their identity distinct from that of the non-Muslims.

Jinnah was still hoping that an arrangement could be worked out with the Hindus which would safeguard the



The two architects behind the creation of Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Jinnah (left) and the poet-philosopher Allama Mohammad Iqbal.

interests of the Muslims in a united India, but the policies and programmes pursued by the Congress ministries, which almost always reflected the views and wishes of the Hindu majority and, in many cases were unacceptable to the Muslims, led Jinnah himself to the conclusion which Iqbal had earlier reached.

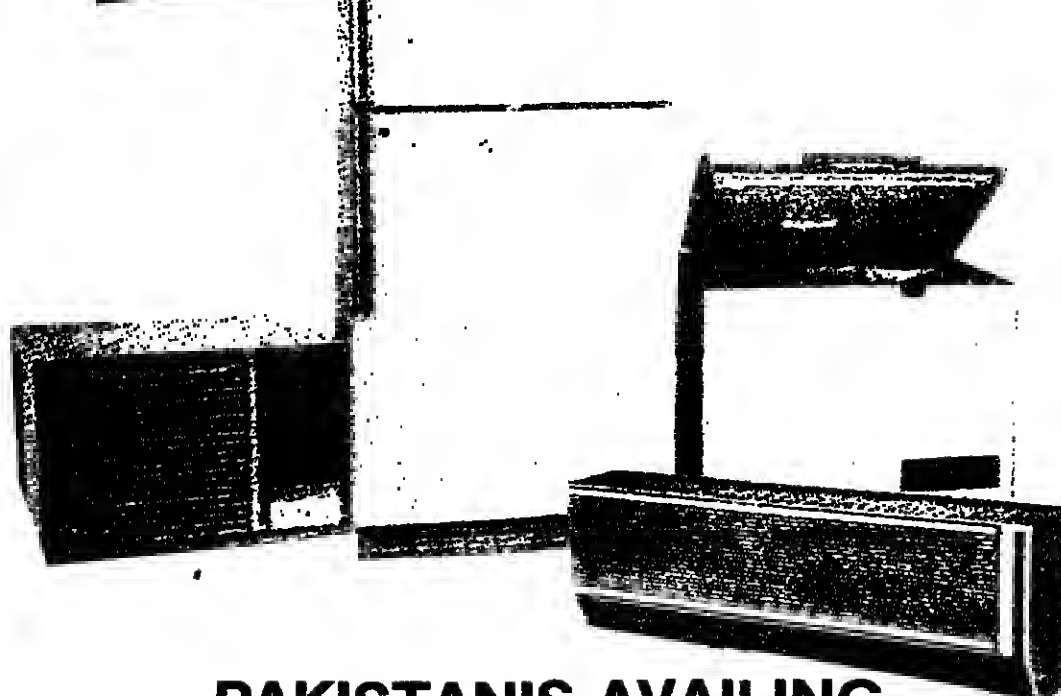
Quite logically, in March 1940, the Muslim League,

under the leadership of Mohammad Ali Jinnah - the Quaid-i-Azam (meaning: the great leader), came out with the demand for the separation of the Muslim majority areas from the rest of India. And because the demand was backed by the vast majority of the 100-million Muslims of the sub-continent, it had at last to be accepted by both the Hindus and the British rulers.



The Quaid-i-Azam, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, addresses a public meeting during the movement for Pakistan's creation.

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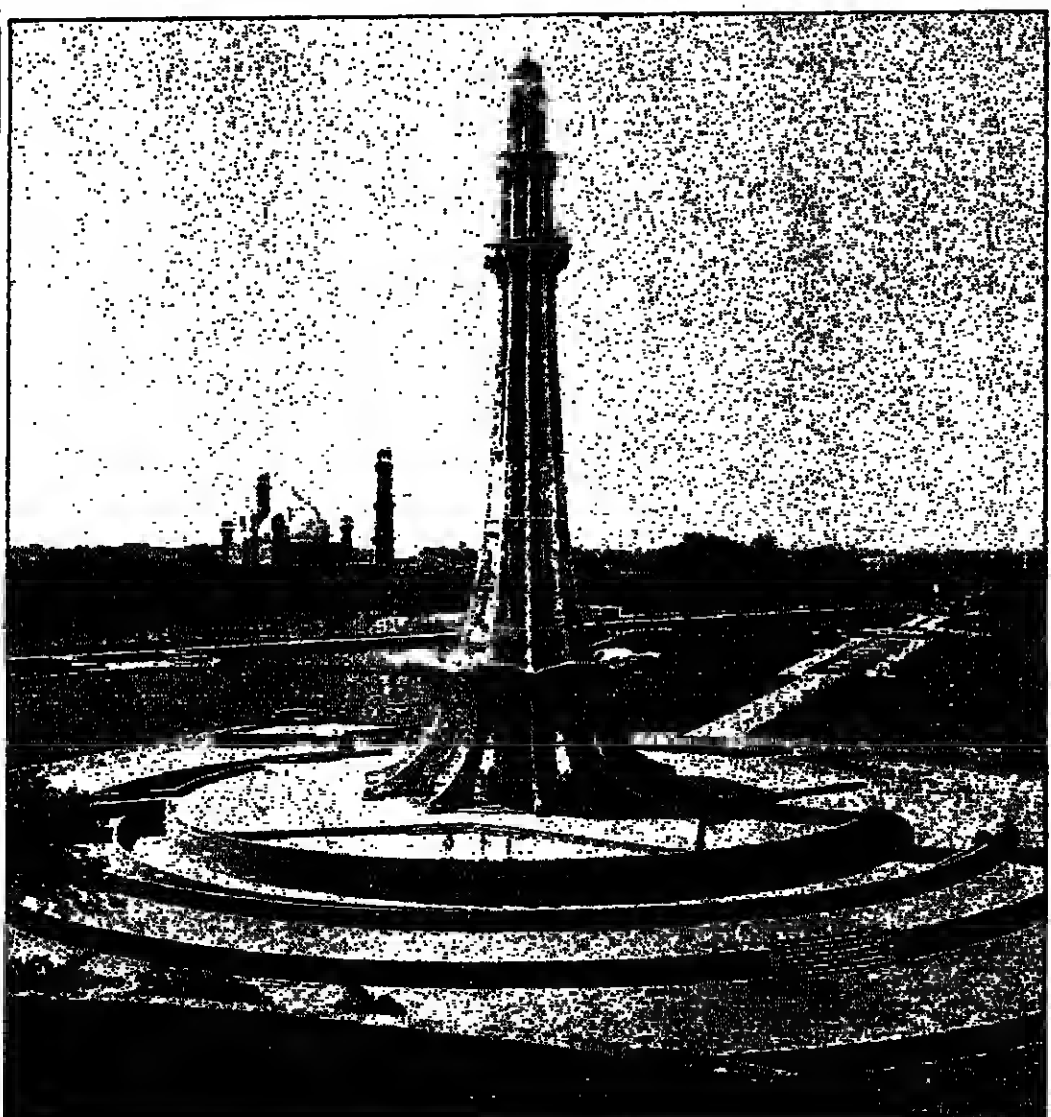
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Minar-e-Pakistan, Lahore. This is the site where the Pakistan Resolution was adopted in 1940; demanding a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Asian subcontinent.

Emphasis on private enterprise in Pakistan's Seventh Five-Year Plan

Vast opportunities for investors

By Iqbal Haidari

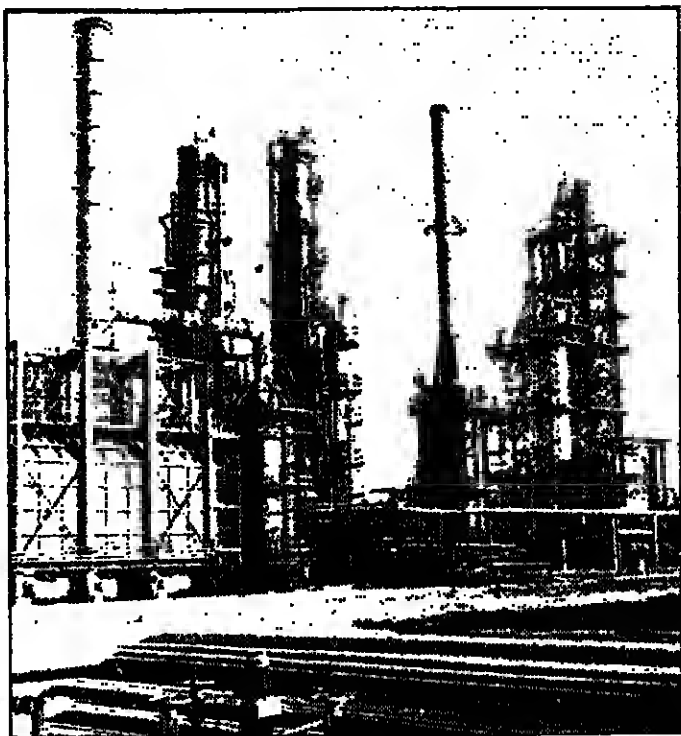
PAKISTAN, a land of 100 million people, covering a 796,095 sq km area, offers vast opportunities for investors. The Seventh Five-Year Plan (1988-93) has been launched and its objectives have been spelled out. It is clear that the private sector is expected to play a dominant role in the industrial development of the country during the Seventh Five-Year Plan. This is evident from the fact that out of Rs 100.6 billion allocated for investment in industry, Rs 91.1 billion will be contributed by the private sector.

Sectorwise allocations would be Rs 22.91 billion for basic metals and engineering, Rs 14.525 billion for chemicals, petrochemicals, etc., Rs 26.00 billion for textiles, Rs 20.50 billion for agro-small-scale industries and industrial estates, Rs 6.0 billion for cement and non-metallic minerals, Rs 1.23 billion for others.

Twenty per cent of future energy is expected to be generated by the private sector. Even roads will be built by private sector and telephones will be made by the T&T Corporation by raising capital from the market. In the present economic scenario of the country, much of the government hopes are pinned to the Seventh Plan which is expected to attract private investment to fund its major portion.

A new industrial policy is in the offing. The new policy is likely to give more powers to the Development Financial Institutions (DFIs) with a view to speed up industrial sanctions. Framework of the One Window operation for financing of private sector energy project has been approved. The facility would be administered through National Development Finance Corporation (NDFC). The financing from One Window would cover about 30 per cent of the project cost, 25 per cent of the cost would be covered by equity and the remaining 25 per cent by domestic or external borrowing by the sponsors. The total cost of the energy project likely to be financed is expected to be two billion dollars.

Industrial Estates: The government has set up new industrial estates in all the four provinces. These industrial estates offer tax holiday benefits to the new industrial units beside several other benefits. Among these industrial estates Noorabad in Sindh is the largest industrial estate where government has plans to sanction about 3,000 to 3,500 industrial units. So far 1,236 units have been sanctioned in Noorabad. 41 industries are in operation



The Pak-Arab fertilizer factory in Multan.

and 54 units are under construction which are expected to go into production by the end of this year. Another important industrial estate is Chunar Industrial Estates, which is coming up fast in the Punjab. This is 60,000-acre duty-free industrial zone 75 km south of Lahore. In Baluchistan so far the provincial government has issued more than 400 NOCs for the establishment of industrial units in the rapidly growing Hub Industrial Estate, out of which 80 units have come on the ground and started production on the commercial scale, employing either directly or indirectly a workforce of 20,000. The remaining projects are currently under process of completion.

Export Processing Zone: A new concession package for the local investors in the Export Processing Zone was announced early this year to enhance exports, create a better climate for investment, provide more jobs to local workers, simplifying tariff area procedures, and introducing offshore banking system in the zone. The concession were approved by the Economic Co-ordination Committee of the Cabinet as a part of the National Industrial Commission's Report.

A total of eighty-seven industrial units have been sanctioned in the Export Processing Zone, Karachi so far, envisaging foreign investment of \$320 million. These are in the fields of engineering, fertiliser, metal products, chemicals, automobile engineering, electrical and electronics, paper printing and packing, garments, food processing, wood furniture, jewellery and gem-

stones, precision machines, etc. The investment is emanating from West Germany, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Japan, Switzerland, UK, Kuwait, Oman, USA, Holland, Bangladesh, Canada, Iran, Panama, Turkey, Lebanon and Hong Kong. Twenty industrial units, involving investment of 14 million dollars, have already gone into production and they are exporting their products regularly. Another 11 units, involving investment of ten million dollars, are at various stages of implementation.

Investment Banks: Radical changes are on the anvil in the banking laws. It has already been decided that private investment banks will be inducted in the banking sector. As many as 12 applications are now under study. Each private investment bank will have to raise Rs 100 million in equity. Companies and individuals on the run for investment companies are the five notables: Babar Ali with American Express, Grindlays, BCCI for former Finance Secretary H.U. Beg, Dawood and Habibis, A Gulf bank; Masraf Al Burj is also optimistic.

Budget 1988-89: The budget for 1988-89 contained a new industrial policy package to stimulate investment. This includes the removal of customs duty and surcharge on plant and machinery imported, provided these are not manufactured locally; extension of tax-holiday period to eight years for certain backward areas; opening up of the entire country with the exclusion of certain locations to be termed 'negative areas' within two months by the provincial governments, for setting up

industries without permission; no sanction required for projects with a capital outlay of less than Rs 700 million; four years of tax-holiday for 'key' industries utilising at least 70 per cent of local raw materials, including fertilisers, engineering goods, electronics and high-tech products and others to be notified by the authorities in due course of time; removal of edible oil and ghee industries from the list of specified industries (which warrant prior sanction) if the new units are based on locally produced oilseeds and concentrates; no sanction is needed for industries to manufacture products already on import list and attracting custom duty of less than 80 per cent.

Other features of the policy are: two months' time limit prescribed for the development financing institutions in making decisions on applications for industrial credits; provision of infrastructural facilities by the Federal Ministry of Industries, special funds created for specialised financial institutions for liberalising credit facilities to small- and medium-scale industries for their fast growth.

Capital Market: The stock markets at Karachi and Lahore are booming with activities. As on June 30, 1988, the number of companies on Karachi Stock Exchange increased to 386 with paid-up capital of Rs 17.50 billion and aggregate market value of shares of more than Rs 38.0 billion. As many as 30 companies applied for listing early this year, out of which 15 have already been listed. These companies belonged to different sectors of the economy including, garments, textiles, ghee, engineering, cement, sugar, floorings, ceramics and breeding farms.

Public response to new flotation was overwhelming. The decision of doing away with compulsory underwriting arrangement have had positive effect on Karachi Stock Exchange and more and more companies are filing listing applications. The budget for 1988-89 allowed the exemption of dividend income and capital gain from tax. Another stimulating factor is the decision to allow the companies listed on Stock Exchange to issue Participation Term Certificates (PTCs) for public subscription. Until now these companies were allowed to issue PTCs only to DFIs. Among the new flotations, Hino Pak belonging to public sector attracted a subscription of Rs 94.994 million against public offer of Rs 11.364 million. Public subscription to another issues were also quite encouraging.

Kuwait: a lucrative market for Pakistani products

THE State of Kuwait and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have traditionally enjoyed cordial relations based upon ties of religion, culture, industry and commerce.

Trade between the two countries has played a pivotal role in the consolidation of these relations. The State of Kuwait situated in one of the biggest trading regions in the world, has remained important to Pakistan both politically and as a trading partner.

While petroleum exports have provided the main economic sector to Kuwait, agriculture and manufacturing have laid the basis for Pakistani exports. It is noteworthy that Pakistan buys all its deficit petroleum products from Kuwait amounting to US\$400-500 million per year. Kuwait, having an oil based economy, finds it convenient to import other products from abroad, enjoying one of the highest per capita import-rates in the world. Kuwait's average annual import for the last 7 years amount to US\$6.5 billion for a population of only 1.5 million. There is, therefore, considerable scope for increasing Pakistan's exports to Kuwait to reduce the trade gap to a more acceptable level.

In order to promote exports a number of measures are visualised by the embassy. These include:

- (i) organising trade missions from Pakistan.
- (ii) a single country exhibition of a wide range of Pakistani products to be held in Kuwait.
- (iii) commodity-shows (like Mango Show - 1988 recently held in the Hotel Sheraton).
- (iv) market surveys for commodities in demand.
- (v) exhibition room in Chan-

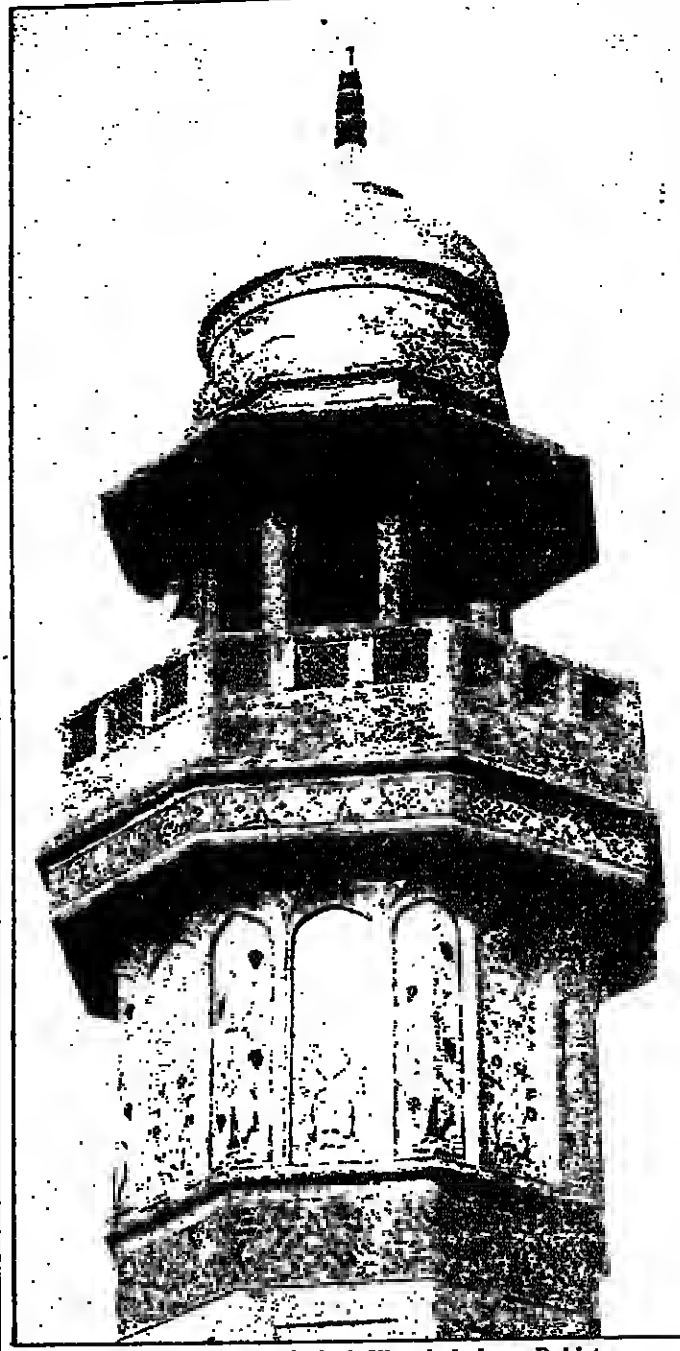
cery with sale prices and addresses of manufacturers.

The common question asked by Kuwaiti importer/s is what sort of goods can Kuwait buy from Pakistan suitable to this market. Pakistan with 40 years of agricultural and industrial development behind it can offer a vast variety of products on a competitive basis. Amongst the agricultural commodities are basmati rice, barley, corn, a variety of fruits and vegetables and raw cotton. On the manufacturing side, literally, hundreds of items are available for exports.

Some of the leading items are: surgical instruments, sports goods, leather products, sewing machines, sanitaryware, ceramic tiles, electric fans, transformers, generators, road rollers, cement and sugar-plants, transport equipments, house-hold equipments of base-metal, pig iron, steel girders and plates paper and paper-board products, carpets and rugs, onyx/marble products, tents and canvas, towels and linen, hosiery (knitwear) woolen and acrylic blankets, cotton bags, handicrafts, cutlery, wooden furniture, agricultural implements etc. These are only a few of the interesting items that can be exported to the Kuwaiti market.

A favourable development is that increasing number of Pakistani manufacturers and exporters are now fully familiar with various commercial requirements, market features, trade procedures and other aspects of the Kuwaiti market such as a highly competitive environment, procedure of bulk buying through international tenders, appointment of local agents as a prerequisite. They are therefore, in a position to exploit the opportunities presented by the Kuwaiti market.

While the potential for increasing exports exists, some bottlenecks and problems need to be urgently removed. One is the lack of adequate cargo capacity on the national carrier i.e. Pakistan International Airlines Corporation while another is the somewhat restrictive policy being followed in the issuance of visas. Efforts are being made to remove these bottlenecks with a view to increasing trade between the two countries.



The minaret of the mosque of Wazir Khan in Lahore, Pakistan

Mosque of Wazir Khan yields ancient secrets

By Qudsia Riaz

THE Ornament of Lahore, the city's magnificent mosque, is yielding up its ancient secrets to modern scholars. It was built by the Nawab Hakim Wazir Khan, a doctor who advanced his career dramatically by being a princess at the 17th-century court of the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan.

Royal gratitude brought him honours, the governorship of Lahore and the greatest challenge of his life—the creation of a unique monument to the Prophet Muhammad. For his site Wazir Khan chose the centre of the city, incorporating a seminary built 300 years earlier.

Symbolising
Only now are scholars beginning to understand the symbolism of his mosque, the meaning of its design, the significance of colours on walls and minarets and the splendour of tile work, possibly the finest in Pakistan.

By Islamic law Wazir Khan's artists, painters and designers were forbidden to portray the human body. Instead geometry, space and colour were used to create a unique art form on which interest in the recent resurgence in Muslim architecture is focusing.

I have a friend, an architect called Kamal, whose ambition is to "read the mosque of Wazir Khan". Kamal talks of the hidden messages he has discovered in its structure and ornamentation and of texts that have existed since the earliest mosques.

It was a cryptic fresco in one of the many decorated panels that started him off. It showed a tree, probably a mimosa, with long, strange tassels. The sky is covered with clouds. And that is all. I made the mistake of asking what connection there could possibly be between prayer and a tasselled tree.

To show me Kamal took me to the main arch of the Lahore mosque and pointed out the magnificent Quranic inscription.

Such texts have existed on facades since the earliest mosques and are more than beautifully-executed calligraphy. They often help to explain esoteric forms of expression. Some are sacred, some are poetic, and some, quite often, are both.

For Kamal, the inscription on that arch is the key which unlocks the secrets of the mosque. The full Quranic verse flows up one side, across, and down the other. It is about the abortive pilgrimage made to Makkah by the Prophet Muhammad and his followers.

They had been refused entry into the city by wary Makkah and, disheartened, they prepared for the 300-mile journey home. The Prophet, however, decided to perform all the rituals of the pilgrimage anyway, shaving his head and sacrificing his animals. His followers obediently did the same. A sudden gust of wind, scat-

tered their shorn hair over the sacred Kaaba on the other side of the city's walls. Taking this as a sign that God accepted their tributes, the Muslims returned home to Madina, fulfilled.

Meaning

The meaning of the panel with the tasselled tree now became apparent. Since the Prophet had thrown his hair over a bush in order to avoid some of it being kept as a talisman, the tassels could be a reference only to that particular incident. The cloud's symbolised God's mercy and were again in accord with the verse.

The cypress tree is used allegorically over and over again in the mosque to convey many meanings.

Tall and erect, pointing to the heavens, it signifies the perfect man, the Prophet. When it is entwined with a vine, the cypress becomes the beloved and the vine the lover. It is a simple statement of the relationship between God the Creator and the Prophet. Most commonly seen is the cypress, its tip bent in submission to the Will of God.

The stark simplicity of the bold Nastaliq script is emphasised by the brilliant colours of the variegated tile work in the four minarets, one in each corner of the mosque. The colours are warm and cool, bright and soft, side by side. The contrast heightens the intensity of each, giving clarity to the floral and geometric designs.

Few people realise that this symbolism has travelled over many lands, evolving into the paisley motif widely used in textiles, paintings and carpets. As we walked around Wazir Khan's mosque, the central theme became more evident. The frescoed flowers and exotic fruits arranged in costly dishes, representing Paradise, were painted in profusion on the domes and walls. So, too were the clouds that depict the Mercy without which we cannot attain Paradise. The Faithful's immortality was emphasised by the Tree of Eternity.

The master craftsmen of long ago wonderfully stated the subtleties that are an integral part of this mosque. What was once regarded as their decoration emerges as a language that can be spoken by anyone sufficiently interested to learn it. In Persian verse they chiselled a message at the main entrance to the mosque. Translated it says: *This house is like the heavens, a source of*

God's Grace, Which holds, like the Kaaba, Immeasurable

benefit to mankind, And is the gateway to fulfilment for all

the faithful
May it remain open until the Day of Resurrection and be forever blessed.

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PIA, flying high

PIA, Pakistan International Airlines, has recorded an impressive traffic growth in the last few years.

To support this growth during the year, the airline increased the weekly New York frequencies to six; added Toronto as the seventeenth destination; introduced the second terminus to Copenhagen and mounted the B747 services to Beijing - Tokyo.

Performance

During this period, the performance of cargo traffic was equally remarkable with 11.5 per cent growth in freight traffic and a 4.5 per cent improvement in load factor.

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Increase

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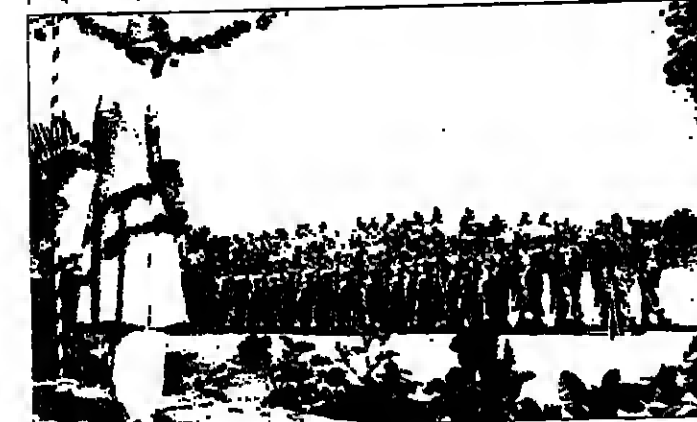
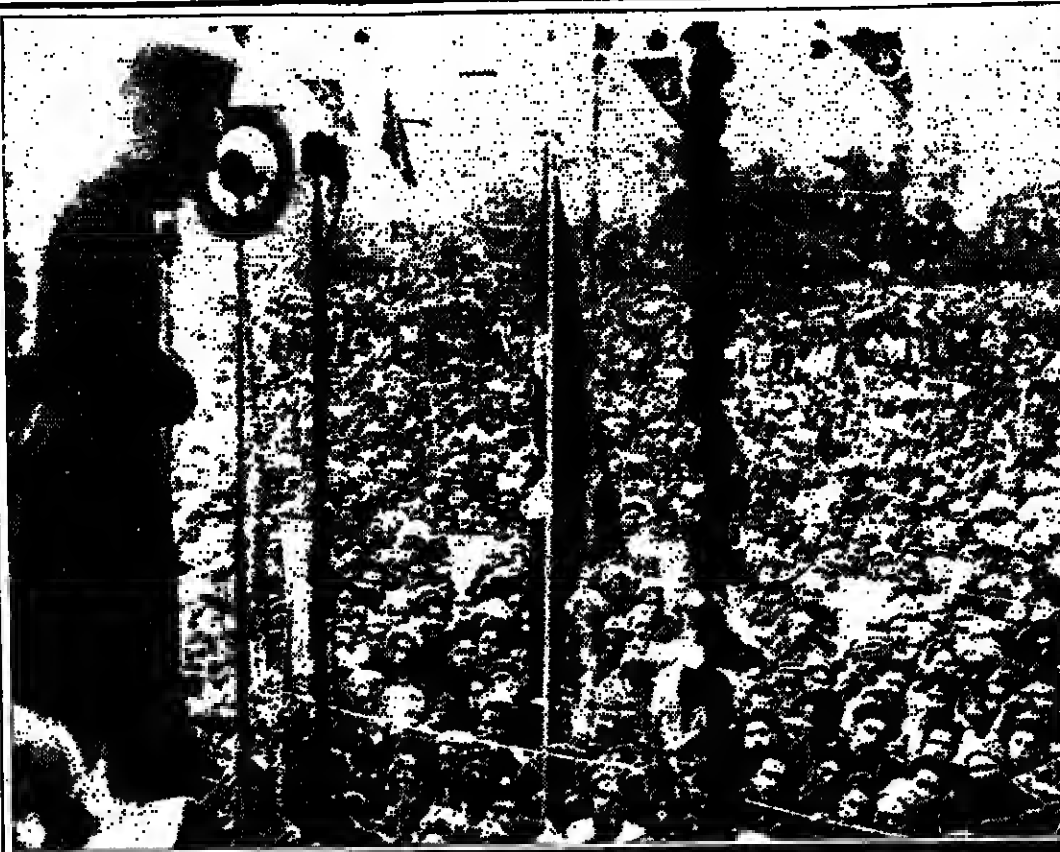
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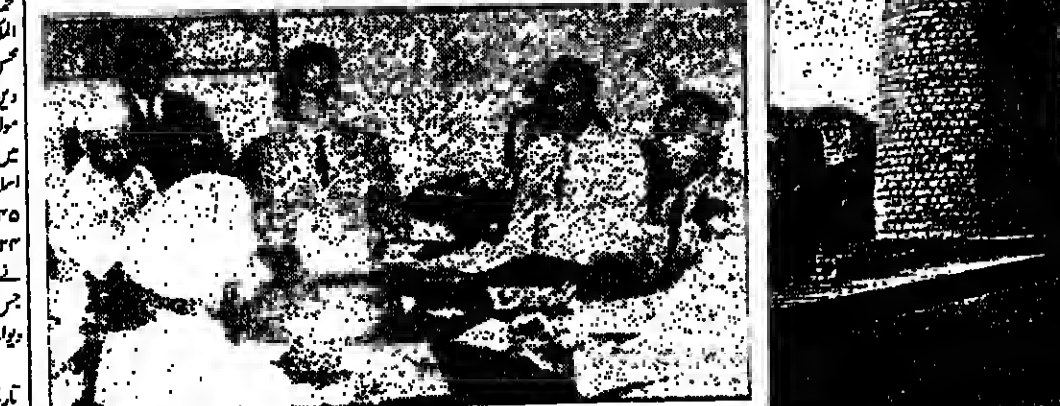
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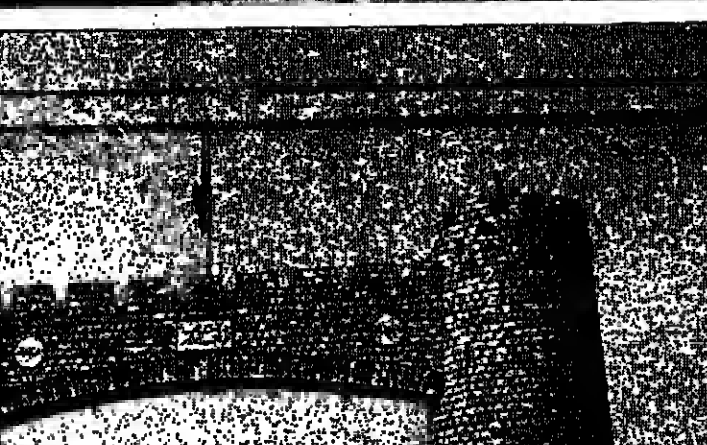
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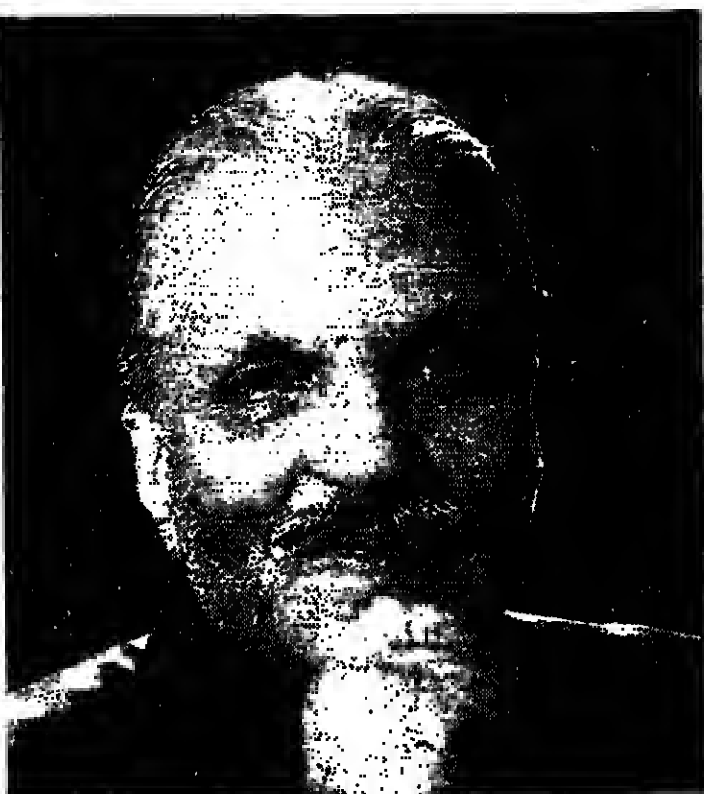
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Lendl and Connors score contrasting victories

Woodforde surprises McEnroe

TORONTO, Aug. 13. (Reuters): Australian Mark Woodforde fired another major upset by knocking out the world number one John McEnroe to reach the semifinals of the Canadian Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Woodforde, who earlier defeated second-seeded Swede Stefan Edberg, beat the eighth-seeded McEnroe 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 to win a semifinals match against Kevin Curren.

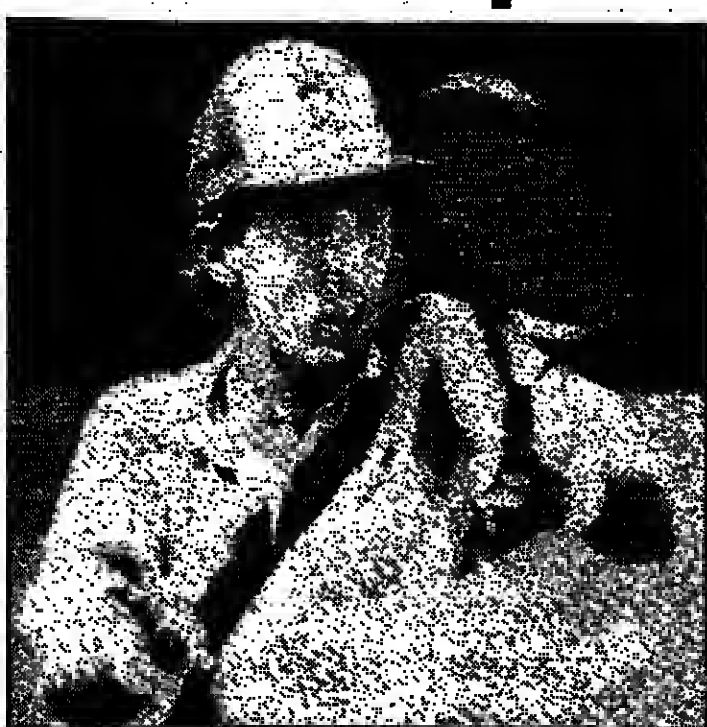
Curren, the 14th seed, ousted sixth-seeded fellow American Jim Mayotte 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 in his quarterfinal.

The other semifinal today was between top seed Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors.

Squeezed
Lendl swept past unseeded Australian John Frawley 6-2, 6-1 while the fourth-seeded Connors squeezed by fifth seed Pat Cash of Australia 7-6, 7-6 with a bit of tiebreaker drama.

Woodforde, a 22-year-old red-headed left-hander who is ranked 61th in the world, fired in six aces and broke McEnroe twice in the first set.

After falling to McEnroe in the second set, Woodforde broke McEnroe to go up 3-2 and then gain to take a 5-2 lead in the



Woodforde: upset McEnroe

third set before serving out the match at love.

He hurled his head in his hands and shook his head in disbelief as the crowd of 10,000 gave him a standing ovation after the match.

"Mark played an excellent match. He used his head very well and he mixed up his shots instead of just hitting balls as hard as he could," said McEnroe.

"I'd like to get another shot at

him. He's a guy who has a chance to get into the top 25. He's a dangerous player," said McEnroe, who is currently ranked 17th.

Woodforde, who had never before played McEnroe, was thrilled.

"John's one of the all-time greats. I just had to come out and play my best tennis," he said.

Connors, 35, withstood court-side temperatures that hit 44 degrees Celsius in beating the 1987 Wimbledon champion.

Connors enjoyed the challenge but was glad his match ended when it did.

"I love combat, to get into battle with someone like Pat, but I wouldn't have liked to play a third set out there in this heat," said Connors.

The first set was a see-saw affair as the fifth-seeded Cash broke Connors to take an early 3-2 edge, but was broken himself when Connors levelled the match at 4-4.

Connors then held serve for 5-4, but squandered a set point as Cash evened the set at 5-5. Cash then broke Connors to lead 6-5.

But Connors broke right back to force a tiebreaker. Cash took a quick 5-3 lead before Connors won four straight points for the

set.

"When I was behind, he just kept letting me get back in there," said the fourth-seeded Connors. "It just goes to show, if you give me enough chances, I'll take one of them."

Connors, who began his professional tennis career in 1972 when Cash was seven years old, said his greater experience was not an important factor.

"Experience may be a great advantage, but by the time you get it you're too old to do anything with it," said Connors.

Force

Mayotte, who battled through a three-hour, three-set battle against compatriot Tim Wilkison on Thursday, came back from down 5-2 in the second set against Curren.

He climbed to within 5-4 but could not hold serve and Curren won 6-4 to force a third set.

Mayotte saved a match point to hold serve for 5-5 in the first set but was clearly running out of steam. He won only one point in the final two games.

"It came down to a survival of the fittest," said Curren.

"Once I saw that he was feeling it from yesterday, I tried to take advantage. It wasn't vintage Mayotte out there."

Evert rallies to thrash Fendick for semifinals

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13. (Reuters): Chris Evert recovered from an early lapse to beat fellow-American Patty Fendick yesterday and advance to the semifinals of the \$300,000 Los Angeles women's tennis tournament.

Evert, playing in her first tournament since her recent marriage, won the last eight games in taking a 6-4 6-0 victory over the sixth-seeded Fendick.

Opposing the top-seeded Evert in this evening's semifinals will be Stephanie Rehe who upset fourth seed Lori McNeil 6-4 3-6 6-4.

The other semifinal will have third seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina playing fifth-seeded American Zina Garrison.

Sabatini beat seventh seed Anne Minter of Australia 6-2 6-4, while Garrison crushed her 15-year-old compatriot Amy Frazier 6-1 6-2 to advance.

Evert, third in the world, raced to a 4-1 lead in the first set, playing her usual baseline game and keeping the aggressive Fendick away from the net with her passing shots.

Serve
Fendick, ranked 22nd in the world, rallied to 4-4 by attacking Evert's second serve and coming up with some spectacular volleys, but Evert broke Fendick in the crucial ninth game and did not lose another game.

Evert said she was not surprised by her first-set lapse.

"I started really well, and then at 4-1 I got my concentration back. I'm not worried because I played great in my first two matches, and you always have a small let-down in a tournament," said Evert.

Rehe, 25th in the world, won in San Diego last week but said she still had immense respect for McNeil, ranked ninth in the world.

"Lori isn't in the top 10 for



Sabatini: tamed Minter

nothing. You have to give her respect," said Rehe, who added: "I came out playing unbelievably well."

In another development, Evert yesterday said that the United States Tennis Association (USTA) had bungled the selection process for the Seoul Olympics team.

Evert last month was named to the team in place of Elise Burgin, who was chosen in December, said she found out through a press release she had been removed from the team.

"The USTA were the ones that should have informed Elise. It was their fault, not one else's," said Evert.

Evert originally turned down the Olympic invitation because of her marriage plans.

The USTA maintains that it heard Evert was still interested in playing in the Olympics and called to ask her to reconsider.

"Chris indicated to us that she was willing to play. We indicated to (Elise) that we wanted to put Chris on the team," said USTA spokesman Ed Fabricius.

Evert said that USTA initiated the contact.

"The USTA called me and asked me if I'd like to reconsider,

and I said I didn't know I still could," Evert said. "I asked about Elise, and they said they were trying to get a wild card for her."

The USTA's press release said that Burgin was being forced to withdraw from the Olympic team because of an injured knee.

Burgin, however, was playing team tennis at the time and had been re-conditioning her knee, which had been operated on.

Burgin, who is close friends with Evert, has been very diplomatic in her handling of the situation.

"In terms of tennis this is a major occurrence, but in life it's not such a big deal," Burgin said. "The situation was handled improperly, but it's done. In the future things will have to be handled better."

Questioned

Evert, who will join Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison on the USTA team in Seoul, questioned the entire selection process.

"I don't know why they told us we had to make a decision by December 31 when the deadline wasn't until July 31," Evert said. "It seems they could have limited their problems by naming the team in the summer."

MOTORCYCLING

Lawson stays on pole for Swedish GP

ANDERSTORP, Sweden, Aug. 13. (Reuters): American Eddie Lawson, world 500cc motorcycle championship leader, kept pole position today for tomorrow's Swedish Grand Prix when a damp track prevented his rivals from bettering the time he set in yesterday's practice.

He will be joined at the front of the grid by fellow Yamaha riders Christian Sarron and American Wayne Rainey.

Lawson's time of one minute 44.69 seconds in dry conditions on the 4.03 km Anderstorp track yesterday morning's session was his fastest ever recorded here.

"We had the bike sorted out pretty much from the start so if it rains it's dry we are ready to go. If it is wet, we will just have to have the best of it like everyone else," said Lawson, the 1984 and 1986 champion.

Improve
Current titleholder Wayne Gardner of Australia will start 13th after failing to improve on his Friday practice time of 1:38.15.

Italy's Luca Cadorna crashed his Yamaha but escaped injury in the final practice for the 250cc race, and will start in pole position thanks to his time of 1:38.24 yesterday.

"I was just half a metre off the normal line and the front end turned under. I am not hurt and for me it makes no difference if the race is wet or dry," he said.

Elliott retains overall lead in cycle race

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 13. (AP): Dutchman Johan Lammeris had his first victory in three years when he won the afternoon leg of the fourth stage of the Tour of Britain cycle race yesterday.

He snatched success from under the wheels of first-year professional Noel Szostek of Belgium on the finish line of the 51-mile leg from Stoke on Trent. But despite his win Britain's Malcolm Elliott retained the overall lead.

Lammeris, whose last significant win was the 1984 Tour of Flanders, was among five riders who raced clear after 12 miles to build a maximum lead of one minute and 45 seconds by the 6th mile.

They were no threat to the leading contenders for overall victory, but the Fagor team-mates of race leader Elliott, led by world champion Stephen Roche, drove hard in pursuit to bring the lead down to 26 seconds at the finish.

Tangled
Another Dutchman Henri Lammeris slipped back from the cakewalk on the city streets as when a plastic bag tangled his gears.

Belgium's Pol Verschuere won a morning leg of the 57-mile verpoel to Stoke on Trent. He broke clear on Frenchman Jean-Marc Manfrin in the final 250 metres after they had a lead for 40 miles.

Elliott leads by 19 seconds in last year's winner Britain's cyclist McLoughlin, but expected least four more challenges in day's crucial stage to Bristol. The stage, 151 miles, takes the remaining riders through the lush English west-country to Cotswolds Hills and theeddar Gorge.

NL batters getting weary of Leary

Red Sox skin Tigers at home

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (AP): The Boston Red Sox are glad to be home.

Playing in Fenway Park, the Red Sox set an American League record last night by winning their 23rd consecutive game at home, pounding the Detroit Tigers 9-4.

Boston had struggled through a 2-7 road trip but rebounded against Detroit, knocking out starter Doyle Alexander with a six-run third inning.

"There's no place like home. And there's definitely no place like home for us this year," Mike Greenwell said.

Boston broke the 1931 Philadelphia Athletics' record of consecutive home victories and are one away from tying the streak of the 1978 Pittsburgh Pirates. The 1916 New York Giants have the Major League record with a 26-game home winning streak.

"I know they're a different team here. It's obvious," Detroit's Ray Knight said. "They have a very positive attitude here and it affects them. But we can win here."

Elsewhere, it was Cleveland 6, Texas 3; New York 6, Minnesota 4; Toronto 3, Kansas City 2; Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 3; Chicago 7, Seattle 0; Oakland 4, California 0.

Rich Yeti won for the first time since June 8 and Cleveland took

advantage of five Texas errors to snap a five-game losing streak. Cleveland's victory was only its second in the last 13 games.

New York won for the first time this season after trailing through eight innings as Ricky Henderson hit a two-run single in the top of the ninth and Dave Righetti worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half of the inning.

Jim Clancy allowed seven hits in 8-1/3 innings and Tom Henke earned his 100th career save to lead Toronto to its fifth straight victory.

Mike Birkbeck survived a shaky first inning to win his sixth straight game and Robin Yount's two-run double capped a four-run fourth as Milwaukee beat Baltimore for the 11th straight time at County stadium.

Chicago's Dave Lapoint allowed four hits in seven innings, retiring the last 14 batters he faced, and the White Sox backed him with 15 hits.

Jose Canseco went 4-for-4 with two doubles and Todd Burns allowed three hits in 7-1/3 innings, leading Oakland to its fifth straight victory and 12th in 15 games. Canseco drove in one run to give him a Major League leading 91 RBI.

In the National League, batters are getting weary of seeing

Tim Leary.

Leary allowed eight hits in 8-1/3 innings last night, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers past the San Francisco Giants 7-3. In gaining his fifth victory in his last seven starts, Leary struck out six and walked three.

"I had strikeouts in key situations," said Leary, 12-8. "I was trying to concentrate on keeping the ball down and getting ahead of the hitters. I made a couple of mistakes that hurt me, but once we got ahead 4-3, I concentrated more and challenged them."

Leary's sixth-inning sacrifice flyoff Rick Reuschel, 15-6, snapped a 3-3 tie. Reuschel, who has lost eight consecutive decisions at Dodger stadium since Aug. 30, 1977, then walked Steve Sax and Scioscia hit a run-scoring single off reliever Craig Littleton to make it 5-3.

Pedro Guerrero hit his fifth home run in the seventh off Ron Davis and Scioscia, batting second for only the second time this season, hit an RBI single in the eighth off Joe Price.

In other games, St. Louis beat Chicago 4-0, Montreal beat New York 5-2 in 12 innings, San Diego beat Houston 4-3, Philadelphia swept Pittsburgh 9-1 and 6-4 and Atlanta beat Cincinnati 9-4.

Joe Magrane allowed only a second-inning single and retired

the final 22 batters he faced and Tom Brunansky homered in St. Louis' second consecutive shutout.

A sacrifice fly by the Expos Mike Fitzgerald in the 12th inning led Montreal to its 16th victory in 21 extra-inning games despite the combined four-hit pitching of David Cone, Roger McDowell and Randy Myers.

San Diego's Dennis Rasmussen allowed six hits in 8-1/3 innings for his ninth victory in his last 10 decisions and Houston lost its third straight.

The Phillies Kevin Gross pitched a six-hitter and Juan Samuel drove in four runs in the opener and Ricky Jordan snapped a tie with a two-run homer in the eighth inning of the second game to send the Pirates to their eighth loss in 11 games.

In the second game, Bob Kipper, 2-4, walked Chris James with one out in the eighth and Jordan followed with his fifth home run. Steve Bedrosian, 3-5, pitched two innings.

Atlanta's Dale Murphy hit a three-run homer and Tom Glavine allowed six hits in eight innings for his first victory since June 5.

Dion James and Terry Blocker also homered for Atlanta off reliever Frank Williams as the Braves got 16 hits.

W.Germans win billfish event

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii, Aug. 13. (AP): The Binkler Sport and Game Fish Club of Hamburg, West Germany, held on to win the 30th Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament yesterday as the top contenders failed to make a catch.

Binkler accumulated 1,842 points during the five-day tournament featuring 81 clubs from 23 countries.

The Beverly Hills Yacht Club No. 1 of California placed second with 1,678 points. Club member Bob Hemmings, 71, caught the largest fish of the tournament, a 732-pound (332 kilogramme) Marlin, on Thursday.

New fabric may help US swimmers

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 13. (Reuters): A new fabric may give US swimmers an edge on the competition at the Summer Olympics next month in Seoul.

"We might have a secret weapon in a fabric," said Ray Essick, executive director of US swimming.

Some US swimmers are experimenting with swimsuits made with the Darlexx superskin fabric, a laminate of an elastic stretch fabric and a special thermoplastic hydrophilic film.

The key is its rough surface, which creates a streamlined flow around the body of the swimmer,

reducing friction and cutting about half the amount of drag as other fabrics.

"This could be a revolutionary item in swimming," said John Troup, director of sports medicine for US swimming. "A few tenths of a second could mean the difference between the gold medal and fourth place."

Troup said he got the idea while watching the last America's Cup yacht race as analysts discussed the special coating on the hull of Dennis Conner's boat. Troup said he thought if it could work on a boat, it could work on a swimmer.

The Darlington Fabrics Corp has said it plans to make the fabric available to the public next year but hopes that US swimmers in Seoul will wear the suits made by their firm.

American swimmers have been testing the suits and individuals will decide for themselves whether to use one.

"Reactions to the suits have been mixed."

"If it helps you swim fast, why not?" said Dan Jorgensen, the US record holder in the 400-metre freestyle, who swam the 200-metre freestyle in a Darlexx suit in Monday's prelims.

Berkoff breaks world record twice at US trials

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 13. (UPI): David Berkoff twice broke the world record in the 100-metre backstroke yesterday at the US Olympic swimming trials and Matt Biondi qualified for a fourth individual event to the Seoul Olympics.

Berkoff, of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, established the world mark of 54.91 seconds in the 100 backstroke, breaking the record he had set in yesterday morning's preliminaries of 54.95. His first-place finish at the University of Texas Swim Centre earned him a place on the US Olympic swimming team.

Place
"I felt I could've done a little better ... 54.5 ... but I'm happy with it," said Berkoff, 21, a senior at Harvard. "I was going for a place on the team. I wasn't going for the record."

Berkoff's world record was the third set at the meet. In addition, six American US have been set. Biondi, of Moraga, Calif., finished second to American record-holder Tom Jager of Topanga, Calif., in the 50 freestyle to qualify in that event.

He has also qualified in the 100 freestyle — breaking his own world record — the 100 butterfly, and the 200 freestyle, in which he set an American record in the

preliminaries.

"He will compete on all three US relay teams and has a chance to win seven medals in Seoul, meaning he possibly could match the performance of Mark Spitz, who won seven gold medals at the 1972 Games."

Triple world-record holder Janet Evans, the 16-year-old sensation from Placentia, Calif., won the 800 freestyle in 8:23.59, just more than 6 seconds ahead of Tami Bruce, of San Diego.

Evans has the world-record in the event, 8:17.12, as well as the 400 and 1,500 freestyle. Earlier in the meet, she set an American record in the 400 individual medley.

Melvin Stewart, of Fort Mill, S.C., won the 200-metre butterfly and Mark Dean, of Kansas City, Kan., was second to earn the qualifying positions.

Mary Wayne, of Mercer Island, Wash., won the 200 individual medley in 2:16.28. The second-place qualifier was Whitney Hedgepeth, of Petersburg, Va., finished in 2:16.36.

Wayne, an Olympic gold medalist in the 200 freestyle in 1984, has qualified in that event and is on two relays.

Jay Mortenson, of Madison, Wis., was runner-up to Berkoff in the 100 backstroke to make the



Jager: won the 50m freestyle

US team that will compete in Seoul, South Korea. The US swimming trials conclude this evening.

Berkoff, who was the first Harvard University swimmer to win an NCAA individual title in 26 years, broke the record of 55.00 set last month by Igor Polianky of the Soviet Union.

He broke from the start in the finals and stayed underwater about 16 seconds, then exploded to the surface already in command. He was three-tenths of a second ahead of the world-

record pace at the halfway mark. Berkoff last year won the 100-yard backstroke for Harvard's first NCAA individual swimming title since 1961.

Jager, 23, of Topanga, Calif., won the 50 freestyle in 22.50, a race that featured two false starts. Jager took the lead quickly in the sprint race and Biondi was unable to keep up the distance.

"They (media) get wrapped up on a guy having a great meet (Biondi) and they forget about other guys," said Jager. "Things like that get me going. I try to get

angry and that helps me. He may be the best swimmer in the world, but I'm the fastest."

Biondi, who had the fastest qualifying time, also had to hold off third-place finisher Steve Crocker.

"I can't be disappointed," Biondi said. "I made the team. That's all that matters. I came here to get the four events and I got them. I feel great."

Jager set the American record in the event, 22.23, in March.

Pablo Morales, of Santa Clara, Calif., failed to qualify for the Olympics in his specialty, the butterfly. He was third in the 200 butterfly yesterday behind Stewart and Dean.

Morales was a silver medalist in the 100 butterfly at the Los Angeles Olympics. He was the world-record holder in the 100 butterfly and the American record-holder in the 200.

He has one more chance to make the US team. He is entered in the 200-metre individual medley, and is the American record-holder in the event.

Evans took a body-length lead over the field 50 metres into her race and was on world-record pace through 300 metres. She then fell off at the midway point but was able to maintain the huge lead over the field.

Tyson to get over \$5m for fight against Bruno

MELBOURNE, Aug. 13. (Reuters): Australian Jeff Fenech wants to unify the three world featherweight titles after his destruction of Tyrone Downes of Trinidad in five rounds to retain the World Boxing Council (WBC) crown.

Fenech, who scored his 18th win inside the distance in 21 unbeaten fights last night, said he would try to bring the WBC, World Boxing Authority (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles under one umbrella before deciding whether to move up to junior-lightweight.

The way Fenech recovered from a badly cut eye in the first round to knock down Downes four times before the referee stopped the fight in the fifth convinced the man they call the Marriekville Mauler he is one of the world's best.

Best
"I wanted to show the people, not just here in Australia but all around the world that Australia has got the best fighter pound for pound in the world — south of Mike Tyson," he said.

Downes' manager, while admitting his fighter was well beaten, attacked the refereeing of American Steve Crosson.

Rose was upset by the brawling tactics used by Fenech to pull himself out of trouble after his eye began streaming blood early on.

Figured
He estimated the gate revenue could reach \$6 million. Promoter Jarvis Astaire said the stadium will have a capacity of 60,000 for the fight, and Cayton figured the bout could draw 45,000.

Cayton said Tyson would receive two-thirds of the revenue from the gate and sale of foreign rights after costs, which include stadium rental and promotional expenses. Bruno will get one-third of the revenue after costs, according to Cayton.

Tyson's purse will include money he is to receive under his

seven-fight HBO contract, which reportedly is worth \$20.6 million.

Bruno has been the World Boxing Council's No. 1 challenger since last October, and the World Boxing Association made him a leading contender earlier this year.

His bout with Tyson was originally scheduled for June, but the 26-year-old British fighter was forced to wait when the champion instead fought Michael Spinks. Sept 3 was the next date set, but a contract dispute between Tyson and Cayton created a further delay.

"There was never any doubt that he would fight Bruno," Cayton said. "It's a mandatory WBC defence because Bruno is the No. 1 contender. Mike had to fight him within a year of the Tyrell Biggs fight, which was last Oct 15."

Jose Sulaiman (head of the WBC) agreed to an extension to the end of the year, but now that won't be necessary."

Tyson announced his retirement during his dispute with Cayton, then said he wanted to take six-to-eight weeks off, but will be fighting with a shorter vacation.

"He will start training again about Aug. 22, and will go to England to complete his training about 3-4 weeks before the fight," Cayton said.

Scorpion rout Arrows

SCORPION Cricket Club moved closer to a semifinal berth with an eight-wicket win over Flying Arrows in a Summer League match at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

Flying Arrows, after winning the toss, batted first but lost both

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sri Lanka 219

LONDON, Aug 13, (AP): Athula Samarasekera scored a quickfire century but received little support as the Sri Lankan cricket tourists were bowled out for 219 by Surrey at the Oval today. Samarasekera hit two sixes and 14 fours in his 104 with his century coming off 124 deliveries.

New champion

MARACAIBO, Venezuela, Aug 13, (UPI): Gilberto Mendoza, president of the World Boxing Association, said yesterday he would ratify Tomas Molinares as the new welterweight champion despite the New Jersey Boxing Commission's decision to rule his July 29 victory over Marlon Starling a no-decision.

America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Aug 13, (Reuters): Most Americans think it isn't fair that two radically different boats will race for the America's Cup next month, according to results of a national poll commissioned by the New Zealand challengers.

Snipes wins

MILWAUKEE, Aug 13, (AP): A scheduled 10-round heavyweight fight between Johnny Du Plooy of South Africa and Renaldo Snipes was stopped in the seventh round last night and Snipes was declared the winner.

Drug tests

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug 13, (UPI): None of the positive drug test results obtained during the US Olympic track and field trials involved steroid use, a spokesman for the US Olympic committee said yesterday.

Seoul Olympics

SEOUL, Aug 13, (UPI): South Korea's sports minister said "the door is still open" for North Korea to participate in the Seoul Olympics but the Pyongyang government has only until Sept 2 to reverse its decision to boycott the Games.

Horse race

DEAUVILLE, France, Aug 13, (Reuters): Miesque, Soviet Star and Warning, who have never finished out of the top two in 30 races and who have won 13 Group One horse races between them, clash in a fascinating Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard (formerly Prix Jacques le Marois) over a straight mile (1,600 metres) on tomorrow.

Men's GP

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, Aug 13, (UPI): No. 1 seed Kent Carlsson of Sweden overcame stubborn resistance from third seed Alberto Mancini of Argentina today to reach the final of a \$155,000 men's Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Nabisco GP

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug 13, (AP): Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan and Thomas Muster of Austria advanced to tomorrow's final of the \$170,000 Nabisco Grand Prix clay-court tennis tournament.

BALLESTEROS AND LANGER MISS OUT AT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Azinger edges Overton for lead

EDMOND, Okla., Aug 13, (Reuters): American Paul Azinger shot a five-under-par 66 yesterday to overtake Florida Club professional Jay Overton for the halfway lead in the 1988 American PGA Championship.

Azinger, runnerup in last year's British Open, finished with a 36-hole total of 133, nine-under par and one better than Overton, who also shot 66 on a perfect day for golf.

"After the 10th hole I thought I could shoot a course record," said Azinger, who was five under par for the day at that point. However, he made only one more birdie and added a bogey for his 66.

Birdie

The course record fell instead to American Dave Rummels, who fired a seven-under-par 64 in the morning when the greens were in their best condition. That put him at 137 with four other players.

"Today I felt like I could birdie every hole," said the 30-year-old Rummels, who at one point birdied five in a row.

Veteran Raymond Floyd, a two-time winner of this major championship, shot a 68 and he was tied for third place at 136 with fellow-American John Cook, who carded a 69.

Joining Rummels at 137 were



Azinger: shoots 5-under-par 66

David Graham of Australia, who shot 67, Tommy Nakajima of Japan, who posted a 68, and Americans Steve Jones, who also had a 68, and Gary Koch, whose 65 was one off the course record.

Nick Faldo of Britain, second in the US Open and third in the British Open this year, matched

par and stood at 138 along with Doug Tewell, who lives here and plays the Oak Tree Golf Club course frequently.

"This is the most consistent I have ever been for two days in a row," the 28-year-old Azinger said after he added the 66 to an opening round of 67.

Azinger's late afternoon heroics took the spotlight off Overton, one of 40 club professionals in the field.

Overton amazed everyone by taking the early lead with his 66, which at that time matched the course record set by first-round leader Bob Gilder, who struggled to a 75.

"It's a special feeling for us," the 37-year-old head pro at Innisbrook Country Club in Tarpon Springs, Fla., said, speaking for his club colleagues. "We were hoping one of us could play well this week. It just happens to be me."

Overton, whose first golf club was handed to him by Sam Snead when he was 23 months old, said he had been dreaming about leading a major championship ever since.

Australian Greg Norman, back in action after a seven-week layoff due to a wrist injury, matched par and stood at 139 along with Americans Chips Beck, Mike Reid, Jeff Sluman, Payne Stewart and Dave Stockton, who has won this event twice.

Denis Watson of Zimbabwe and five-time British Open champion Tom Watson were among a big group at 140.

Despite dire predictions about the difficulty of the 7,015-yard course, which was designed by the controversial Pete Dye, the

leading scores were the lowest in memory for a major championship.

Still, Seve Ballesteros of Spain, who had been picked by many to win here after his impressive victory in the British Open last month, was one of many prominent players who did not make the 36-hole cut, which was put at 144, a record low for this championship.

Ballesteros, who took a triple bogey on the 149-yard 13th hole, carded a four-over 75 for a total of 146.

Never

Joining him on the sidelines were West German Bernhard Langer, a former US Masters champion Jack Nicklaus, a five-time winner of this championship Arnold Palmer, who has never won this event Fuzzy Zoeller, a former US Open and Masters champion, and Lee Trevino, twice PGA champion.

Ian Woosnam of Britain, who was the top player in the world last year, when he won five tournaments and more money than anyone else, withdrew from the championship after 27 holes, when he was 11-over par.

It was Woosnam's third consecutive disastrous performance in a major championship in this country. He also played poorly in this year's Masters and last year's PGA Championship.



Tottenham's Chris Waddle (2nd left) and Gary Mabbutt (3rd left) combine their efforts to keep an Arsenal player off the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

AC Milan and Arsenal score contrasting wins in four-team tournament

WEMBLEY, England, Aug 13, (AP): Marco van Basten, whose brilliant goals powered the Netherlands to victory in the European Soccer Championships, stunned English fans with an amazing, last-minute miss today as his AC Milan sidedged Bayern Munich 1-0 in the Wembley international exhibition tournament.

Van Basten, who top-scored in the European Championships with five goals, dribbled past two defenders and drew the Bayern keeper off his line before ballooning the ball over the top from five metres.

Romped Milan, the Italian champion, owed its victory to a first half goal by Paulo Virdis, who was playing because of a knee injury to Dutch star Ruud Gullit.

Earlier, in the opening game of the four-team competition, Brian Marwood scored twice as Arsenal romped to a 4-0 victory over its north London rival, Tottenham Hotspur. The four teams will again be in action tomorrow with Milan playing Tottenham.

Despite the absence of Gullit and injured Italian international, Paolo Maldini and Carlo Ancelotti, Milan played some polished soccer, weaving pretty patterns across the wide open spaces of the Wembley field.

Virdis, his graying hair replacing the striking black dreadlocks of Gullit, struck for the Italians in the 32nd minute. Albergo Evapi slotted a short pass into the Bayern area and Virdis scored with a first time shot on the turn from 12 metres.

Little was seen of the Bayern attack and Swedish international Johnny Ekstrom was taken off

midway through the second half after failing to trouble a Milan rearguard superbly organised by experienced sweeper Franco Baresi.

The first-ever meeting between Arsenal and Tottenham at Wembley was a low-key affair until the closing phases of the game when Arsenal cashed in on its territorial domination and superior teamwork with a flurry of goals.

Arsenal went ahead after 32 minutes when Paul Merson picked his spot with a well-taken shot past Tottenham goalkeeper Bobby Mimms after the Spurs defence had failed to clear.

Tottenham came into the match more in the second half, but its expensive new signings £2.3 million (\$3.91 million) Paul Gascoigne and \$1.7 million (\$2.89 million) Paul Stewart — made little impression.

Powerful Brian Marwood made it 2-0 after 74 minutes, added a third from an almost identical position on the left nine minutes later, before Alan Smith rounded out the scoring with a powerful close range shot.

Lineups: Arsenal: John Lukic; Lee Dixon, Nigel Winterburn, Michael Thomas, David O'Leary (Steve Bould 74th), Tony Adams, David Rocastle, Paul Davis, Alan Smith, Paul Merson (Martin Hayes 72nd), Brian Marwood.

Tottenham: Bobby Mimms; Paul Allen, Mark Stimson, Terry Fenwick, Chris Fairclough, Gary Mabbutt, Paul Walsh, Paul Gascoigne, Chris Waddle, Paul Stewart (David Howells 72nd), Vinny Samways (Philip Gray).

Stevens hits first goal of Scottish season

Rangers beat Hamilton in opener

GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug 13, (Reuters): Former Everton full-back Gary Stevens scored the first goal of the new Scottish Premier League soccer season today on his debut for Glasgow Rangers.

The \$1.7 million close-season signing struck seconds before the interval, the only first half goal in the top division. Ally McCoist headed a second in the 65th minute to complete a 2-0 win over Hamilton.

Splendid Champions Celtic beat Hearts 1-0. Frank McAvennie scored in the 51st minute after a splendid pass by Paul McStay.

Celtic's Andy Walker was brought down by Mike Gallaway six minutes before time but his penalty was saved by Henry

Smith. A goal by John Clark two minutes into the second half gave Dundee United a 1-0 win over St Mirren.

Dundee had to settle for a 1-1 draw with Aberdeen. They went ahead in the 57th minute with a header by Gordon Chisholm, but Davie Dodds equalised seven minutes later.

Hibernian beat Motherwell, the goal coming from Tom McIntyre after 85 minutes.

Former Scotland and Barcelona striker Steve Archibald did not make his anticipated second half debut for Hibernian. He was said to be short of peak fitness.

Stevens, who was recently signed to partner his national teammate Terry Butcher, was the first

of the new signings made by player-manager Graeme Souness to prove his worth.

Results

Premier Division

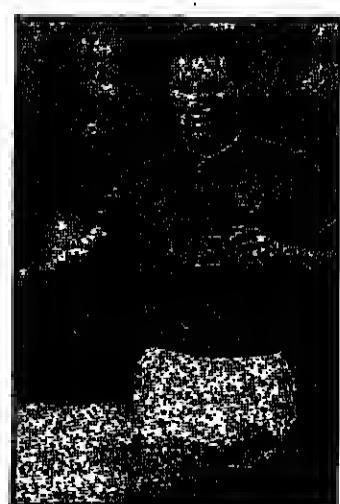
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Dundee	1	Aberdeen	1
Hamilton	0	Rangers	2
Hibernian	1	Motherwell	0
St Mirren	0	Dundee	1

Dividing One

Ayr	3	Clydebank	2
Falkirk	0	Airdrie	0
Forfar	1	Meadowbank	0
Monon	0	Clyde	2
Partick	1	Dunfermline	2
Queen of S.	2	Kilmarnock	2
St Johnstone	3	Raith	1

Division Two

Albion	1	Sirling	0
Brechin	2	Alton	0
Cowdenbeath	2	Montrose	6
Dumfries	2	East Fife	1
Queen's Park	3	Berwick	0
Sirling	2	Stenhousemuir	1
Stranraer	0	Arbroath	1



Gary Stevens

Olympic trials

NAIROBI, Aug 13, (Reuters): John Nguhi, winner of the World Cross-Country Championship for the past three years, qualified for Kenya's team for the Seoul games today when he won the 5,000 metres at the Olympic trials.

But Julius Korir became the third Olympic or world champion to miss selection when he failed to appear for the trials.

Korir, the Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase champion, was injured when he fell during training recently.

Lewis to dedicate Olympics to his father

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (AP): Carl Lewis will be dedicating the Olympic Games to his late father.

Bill Lewis died May 5, 1987, after an 18-month bout with cancer. He was 60.

He was the backbone of a strongly united family that included his wife Evelyn, sons Mackie, Cleve and Carl, and daughter Carol.

All were athletes. Bill, from Chicago, was a football player, sprinter and long jumper. Evelyn, from Gadsden, Alabama, was a hurdler, finishing sixth in the 80-metre high hurdles at the 1951 Pan American Games. She and Bill met while attending Tuskegee Institute.

Mackie, the oldest child, was a high school sprinter and long jumper. Cleve, the second oldest, was a standout soccer player at Brandeis and played two seasons of professional soccer with the Memphis Rogues.

Achieved Carl, third in line, is the most famous of the Lewis family, becoming the world's top-ranked sprinter and long jumper and winning four gold medals in the 1984 Olympics. And Carl has achieved world-class status in the women's long jump and made the US Olympic team for the third straight time, just like Carl.

Bill Lewis was the strength of his family that lived a major part of its life in Willingboro, New Jersey, where he and Evelyn were scholastic track and field coaches at different schools.



Lewis: ready for the Seoul Olympics

"My father was a tremendous inspiration to all of us," Carl said. "He had a very strong personality. He stood for what was right."

"We miss him in many ways. He was always there for us and my mother."

If not for Bill Lewis, Carl might not be trying to win four gold medals for the second consecutive time in the Olympics.

"I talked about retiring after 1984," said Carl, winner of the 100-metre and 200-metre dashes and the long jump, and the anchor of the winning men's 400-metre relay at the Los Angeles Games.

"He inspired me to continue

running. I was only 23 then. Gosh, what am I going to do?" I said then.

"We talked about trying to be the best for another four years. He helped me. We talked about dedication and intensity to track."

Carl also was dedicated to his father. When Bill died last year, Carl took the 100-metre gold medal from the '84 games, placed it in one of his father's hands in the casket at the funeral home, and wrapped the ribbon round his hands.

"The medal will always be with Bill," Evelyn Lewis said.

Now, ironically, the greatest challenge to Lewis' bid for

another four Olympic golds probably will be in the 100.

Canada's Ben Johnson set the world record of 9.83 seconds in winning the 100 metres at the 1987 World Championships and beat Lewis for the fifth consecutive time. Lewis, who finished second and equalled the American record of 9.93, still leads their series 8-6, but Johnson has come on strong in the last three years and has replaced the American as the world's "fastest human."

Both have shown they are ready for the Olympics. Lewis won the US Olympic trials in a wind-aided 9.78, the fastest ever run under any conditions; Johnson won the Canadian Olympic trials in a wind-aided 9.90.

The loss to Johnson was the only one suffered by Lewis in 10 events in Olympic or world championship competition. Otherwise, he has won nine golds — four at Los Angeles, three at the 1983 World Championships and two at the 1987 World Championships.

It's a remarkable record, unchallenged by any modern day track and field performer. Also remarkable is his record of 55 consecutive victories in the long jump, an event in which he has not been beaten since the 1981 National Indoor Championships.

Those accomplishments are even more remarkable considering that Lewis has many interests other than track and field.

He has cut several albums and single records, including the appropriately named "Gm" for

the Gold" in 1984, acted in movies, done television sports commentary, become a collector of silver, fine china and crystal, enjoys expensive clothes and fancy cars, performed in television commercials, and helps out in the family-run travel agency in Houston.

Lewis probably would be more deeply involved in those projects — and out of track and field — if not for his father.

"He wanted me to regain my eminence in sprinting," Lewis said. "He felt I was the best sprinter. Ben (Johnson) had a great season last year, but he (Bill Lewis) felt I was still the best."

Feel "When someone's gone, you can't have that communication anymore, so you have to perform and try and follow his wishes. If I do now what he wanted, it makes me feel good," Lewis said.

He said that in honour of his father he will wear a black patch on his singlet during the Seoul Games, just as he did at the 1987 World Championships, "just to let him know I am talking back."

And for the first time in a major meet, he will wear a "special" ring given to him by his father. "I never wear jewelry during competition," he said. "But I will wear the ring, at least during the 100."

The 100 was the first gold medal Lewis earned at the 1984 Games, and it created an outpouring of excitement among the Lewis family sitting in the stands at the Los Angeles Coliseum.



Last year's winners: sitting (left to right) Ventos, Mojica, Laron. Standing (left to right): Inserto, Adnan Khalil (general manager Far East Restaurant), Reyes, Peek, Mitchell and Ramzi Jabshah

Entries open for Masters bowling

THE 2nd Masters Bowling Tournament has been scheduled to start on Aug 25 at the 300 Club Silver Tower and the entries to the tournament will be accepted until Tuesday, Aug 23.

The tournament, which will end on Sept 2, will have the elimination round starting on Thursday, Aug 25 and continue onto the next day.

31 players will be selected from the first elimination round to join the 18 seeded players in the second elimination round. The top 24 bowlers will move into the

semifinals where they will play three games each to select the top six.

The top six will play a series of step-ladder games to find the champion. The semifinals and final will be held on Sept 2 and both the men's and women's Masters titles will be at stake in this tournament.

Both Peek won the men's title last year and is among the favourites to clinch the title.

The other seeded players are Manny Inserto, Edwin Nepomuceno, Willy Sahay,

Saleh Karam, Joe Chanwit, Flor Tongson, Waleed Al Zinki, Benjie Mitchell, Joel Laron, Arthur Reyes, Jun Mojica, Mohammed Al Amer, Abdul Ibrahim, Mansoor Al Shakti, Fahed Hameed, Jesus Ventus and Julie Teves.

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